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Women's Economic Priorities Candidate Information

GENERAL INFORMATION:

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CANDIDATE AUTHORIZATION & SIGNATURE:

I have read the attached 2016 USWCC | Candidate Questionnaire and affirm the survey answers represent my position on the issues addressed.

Date: 8/31/16

Rosa L. DeLauro
Candidate Name (Printed)


Candidate Signature

Women's Economic Priorities Candidate Questionnaire

Women are an important economic force in America who, for too long, have been undervalued. For more than two decades, women have led the growth in America's Gross Domestic Product, driven the creation of new businesses and jobs, moved into leadership roles providing financially for our children and families -- and now, we also hold The Majority Vote.

But, even with our sizable contributions to the American economy, there is much left to do to support our economic opportunities, independence, security, values and family well-being.

The U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce released a report on the Women's Economic Priorities which highlights the contributions we have made to America, outlines our current economic condition and states clearly the types of federal budget and policies that are vital to support Women's Economic Priorities [<http://uswcc.org/womens-economic-priorities/>]. In 2016, the USWCC released a detailed statistical report and "Wake-Up Call" [<http://uswcc.org/wake-up-call>] highlighting the alarming disparities between the number of women business owners in America and their business revenues.

As a candidate running for federal office, if elected (or re-elected) – your activities will directly impact Women's Economic Priorities. To understand your positions and views, the U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce asks you to complete the following questionnaire.

I. FAIR PAY

The Paycheck Fairness Act takes meaningful steps to create incentives for employers to follow the law, empower women to negotiate for equal pay, and strengthen federal outreach and enforcement efforts. The bill would also deter discrimination by strengthening penalties for equal pay violations and by prohibiting retaliation against workers who inquire about employers' wage practices or disclose their own wages.

>Do you support or oppose the Paycheck Fairness Act (S. 862 / H.R. 1619)?

(check one)



Support



Oppose

>If elected, what specific actions will you take regarding fair pay programs?

I am the sponsor of PFA, which was introduced in 1997.

2. MINIMUM WAGE

The Women's Chamber recognizes that raising the minimum wage is good for women, businesses and America. Two-thirds of minimum wage workers are women. For women-owned small businesses, raising the minimum wage levels the playing field for fair competition. Minimum wage increases raise productivity and commitment of employees, reduce training costs and turnover, decrease absenteeism and increase morale. Raising the minimum wage increases consumer spending and improves the quality of products/services, customer satisfaction and company reputation.

>Do you support legislation to raise the minimum wage to \$12 per hour or more?

(check one) Support Oppose

>If elected, what specific actions will you take regarding minimum wage?

3. FAMILY-FRIENDLY WORKPLACE

The United States is the only advanced country in the world that does not guarantee paid sick leave to our workers. The U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce members and women business owners seek to offer paid leave because they do not want their employees to have to choose between a paycheck and taking care of a sick child or parent or even taking care of themselves if they are sick. USWCC is supporting the Healthy Families Act which will require employers with over 15 employees to permit each employee to earn at least one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked.

>Do you support or oppose the Healthy Families Act (S. 497 / H.R. 932)?

(check one) Support Oppose

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

I am the author of HIFA. that was introduced in 2005.

4. SMALL BUSINESS | ACCESS TO CAPITAL

Despite the vast economic importance of women-owned businesses, in 2012 only 9.3 Small Business Administration 7(a) loans were issued per 10,000 women-owned businesses compared with 24.7 for male-owned small businesses. Moreover, women account for only 16% of conventional small business loans and these loans account for only 4.4% of the total dollar value of loans from all sources. Just \$1 of every \$23 in conventional small business loans goes to a women-owned business. In addition, the U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce reported in its Wake-Up Call study that women own nearly 36% of all firms in America. Yet they account for only 4.23% of the revenues and only 10% of them have employees.

>Will you support reform legislation that will lead to greater access to capital for women-owned businesses including:

Check one for each:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support ___ Oppose | - Raise caps on credit union member business lending |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support ___ Oppose | - Advance SBA-backed lending through credit unions and community banks |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support ___ Oppose | - Enforce the Community Reinvestment Act to ensure large banks serve small businesses in underserved communities including women-owned, low-income and minority communities |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support ___ Oppose | - Mandate that SBA engage in direct lending (with loans to be sold on the secondary market) in any underserved community where small businesses are not securing appropriate levels of access to capital |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support ___ Oppose | - Require Small Business Investment Company (SBIC) lenders to report investments in women-owned firms |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support ___ Oppose | - Expand federal funding of Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) |

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

5. SMALL BUSINESS | ACCESS TO FEDERAL CONTRACTS

The Women's Chamber of Commerce has fought for over a decade to ensure women-owned firms have equal access to federal contracts. Women own 36% of all businesses, and yet, while the federal government is claiming it has met the 20-year goal of 5% awarded contracts to women-owned companies, they have not taken into account the programs flaws where more than 40% of Women-Owned Small Business and Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business awarded contracts went to ineligible firms and Inspector General reports from multiple federal agencies detailing widespread fraud. These shortcomings translate into women business owners losing over \$100 billion in federal contracting opportunities during this time span.

>Will you support small business federal contracting reform legislation that will:

- Support Oppose - Provide greater transparency and detailed data within annual SBA small business contracting reports
- Support Oppose - Eliminate unwarranted exclusions to small business contracting goals
- Support Oppose - End "grandfathering" of small businesses bought by large companies which causes award reporting to inflate federal small business award data
- Support Oppose - Improve verifications to assure contract awards counted as awards to women-owned firms are awards that went to legitimately women-owned firms
- Support Oppose - Assure more Procurement Center Representatives are hired and trained to support access to contracts for small firms?

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

6. PROMOTE COMPETITION / LEVEL PLAYING FIELD

Over the last two (plus) decades, revenues generated by America's small businesses have declined while profits from large corporations have grown disproportionately. Large corporations have gained significant control over the political process, capital, markets and competition turning America into a place of less business opportunity and competition instead of more.

>Will you support a strong agenda and federal government leadership that:

- Stops undue, anti-competitive corporate concentration
- Ensures large corporations pay their fair share of taxes
- Makes antitrust policies and enforcement stronger
- Ends abusive behavior of dominant companies
- Ends abusive, discriminatory and unfair methods of competition
- Ends corporate supplier practices that force small, women and minority-owned firms to pay for and secure large corporate controlled supplier designations prior to securing competitive market opportunities

(check one) Support Oppose

>If elected, what specific actions will you take to promote competition, level the playing field and support the growth of small, women and minority-owned firms?

7. INVEST IN SMALL BUSINESS CREATION AND GROWTH

Much is written about the contributions of small businesses to our economy: job creation, asset building and prosperity, innovation and flexibility, community economic empowerment, flexibility for owners and independence.

>Will you support a strong agenda and federal government leadership that:

- Invests in small business
- Restores and protects a strong and vibrant Small Business Administration
- Invests and develops regional incubators and entrepreneurial development including rural areas where resources are lacking
- Expands government purchasing more broadly outside of the beltway to assure citizen taxpayer investments are not funneled back to DC-MD-VA firms with such density

(check one) Support Oppose

>If elected, what specific actions will you take to invest in and support small business creation and growth?

8. INVEST IN U.S. INFRASTRUCTURE

America relies upon our infrastructure for job / business creation, safety and prosperity. But, our infrastructure is in a significant and ongoing decline. The U.S. needs a serious and significant investment in rebuilding our infrastructure. This effort will also create jobs and businesses and increase American competitiveness around the globe.

>Will you support a strong agenda and federal government leadership that makes significant investments in U.S. infrastructure?

(check one) Support Oppose

>If elected, what specific actions will you take invest in U.S. infrastructure?

I am the author of the National Infrastructure Bank legislation. which was first introduced in 1994.