

350 Action 2018 Candidate Questionnaire

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About You

Your Name: Katie Wilson

What office are you running for, and as which party?: Democrat and Working Families Party candidate for US House of Representatives, NY-21

Policy Positions

Do you support a swift transition to 100% renewable energy, like wind and solar?

Yes

Please say more about what you'd do if elected to bring about a 100% renewable energy economy that works for all of us.

All examples stated above, while continuing divestment at the state and federal level from fossil fuels; invest in research & development, invest in a green civilian conservation corps type jobs program to create the infrastructure needed for a 100% renewable energy economy

Do you support a moratorium on all new fossil fuel infrastructure, like pipelines and fracked gas power plants?

Yes

Please say more about what you'd do if elected to stop the expansion of the fossil fuel industry and keep fossil fuels in the ground.

I'd aggressively support the divestment of our pension funds, block pipeline permits, block fossil fuel exploration and certainly work to strengthen tribal consultation. There are 2 reservations in our district; one known as "cancer alley" due to the negligence of a superfund site, the climate of fear and silence both among tribal leaders and the private sector / US government has to be addressed. We must empower the next generation by building coalitions now and proving there can be a mutually beneficial and respectful future among the US and Native Peoples.

Do you support a just and equitable transition to a fossil free economy that works for all of us?

Yes

Please say more about what you'd do if elected to ensure a just and equitable transition. We're

interested in climate policies that seek to remedy existing environmental and social injustices.

I agree with all of the examples listed above as well as a civilian conservation corps - type green jobs/infrastructure program. Addressing these issues provides an opportunity to lift the working poor out of poverty by creating jobs that will empower and strengthen the very communities most impacted by the effects of climate change. It is a top priority of mine to show leadership on these issues and fight for climate justice while addressing civil rights.

Running a Progressive Campaign

Do you pledge not to accept any contributions from the fossil fuel industry, as defined by the "No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge"?

Yes

Do you support fossil fuel divestment campaigns in your state and around the world?

Yes

Have you participated in any major climate mobilizations, marches, direct actions, or sit-ins in the past year?

In the past year: March for Science (Syracuse), People's Climate March (Plattsburgh). In the fall of 2016 I organized a region-wide collection of food, clothing, and medical supplies in the North Country, which I then drove to Standing Rock. Upon returning home I organized and led a divestment campaign as part of the larger movement, including a peaceful protest and sit-in that resulted in the arrest of myself and other local peaceful protesters in order to help raise local awareness. It was very successful and began a much broader local conversation and organization of activists.

What's your relationship with leading climate activists in your district?

Please share an example of how you like to talk about the intersection of climate and other social justice issues on the campaign trail.

I talk about climate change as a multiplier in terms of other social justice issues; income inequality, racial justice, immigration, etc. - how it threatens our food systems, unfairly impacting poorer populations via weatherization issues in our rural, northern district. Also, the way climate change threatens our infrastructure and national security as well as our food system via crop failure and natural disasters. Those who can afford not to think about climate change often don't and that message resonates across party lines in an impoverished area like ours. I find it to be an issue that farmers, loggers, snowmobilers and activists alike can find common ground. Our regional economy is largely based on tourism and the economic message is very resonant.

Would you be interested in doing a Facebook live event with 350 Action staff and local leaders?

Yes

On September 9th, 2018, the climate movement will come together in California and around the world for a massive day of climate action. Are you willing to mark this date on your calendar and potentially join us at an event?

Yes

Are you willing to join us at climate movement actions to speak out against the fossil fuel industry and/or the Trump Administration once you are in office?

Yes

Demographics and Identity

Race: White

Gender: Female

If you'd like, tell us more about your identity in your own words: As a working-class, white, single mother who qualifies for food stamps, heat assistance and Medicaid, I experience the contrast of privilege and inequity. With a foot in both worlds, I'm empathetic to all aspects of this fight for a fair and equitable future for the coming generations.

