

350 Action 2020 Candidate Questionnaire

Cori Bush

About You

Your Name: Cori Bush

What office are you running for, and as which party?: Democrat running for Congress, MO-01

Policy Positions

Do you support a Green New Deal that ends fossil fuels and provides an immediate and just transition to 100% renewable energy? Explain what that means to you.

I believe in environmental justice for the people of St. Louis, and toward this end, I absolutely believe in passing a Green New Deal and justly transitioning into running the economy with 100% clean, renewable, emission-free energy. As a seasoned community activist, I will fight for a clean environment, push for green energy training and jobs, and promote STEM education that promotes the importance of preparation for innovative 21st century employment. My vision includes a federal jobs guarantee, a framework supporting workers' rights, taxation for the very rich, use of the fossil fuel industry's enormous resources to cover its damages, and redirecting trillions in tax breaks and subsidies from the wealthiest corporations and individuals to the transition to climate safety.

How will you center racial, economic and social justice in your climate policies?

Overwhelmingly, underserved and underrepresented communities experience the most devastating health and environmental hazards. I am a strong advocate for inclusion and the ability of citizens to have a say in matters that may adversely affect their health and home environment.

Do you support a moratorium on all new fossil fuel infrastructure, including pipelines, fracked gas and oil, compressor stations and coal power plants? Please tell us with specifics what you'd do, if elected to stop the expansion of the fossil fuel industry and keep fossil fuels in the ground?

I support it. Passing the Green New Deal and then making like legislation the law of the land is what I will do when elected.

Do you support investigation of the fossil fuel industry's role in causing climate change, blocking climate action, and misleading the public? If so, do you have plans for a process to hold the industry financially accountable for that role and related harms?

I absolutely support it. Part of the holding them accountable will mean reabsorbing their tax breaks and subsidies and using these funds to make a just transition possible.

Do you pledge to reject any contributions from the fossil fuel industry, as defined by the "No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge"?

Yes

Do you support plans to create an immigration policy that allows a path to citizenship for undocumented people?

Yes.

What are your specific plans on addressing the refugees and other migrants at the US borders?

I call, for starters, for abolishing ICE and CBP.

How do you see climate change impacting mass migrations and what are your plans to address the increase in refugees as a result of the climate crisis?

What are your plans for criminal justice reform?

I cannot and will not sit quiet while injustice remains unchecked. I marched in the streets of Ferguson to protest the killing of Michael Brown, suffering police brutality myself in the process. Just as protesters were unfairly treated as enemy combatants by a police force equipped with military grade weaponry, too often our communities are decimated by a school-to-prison pipeline that unjustly prioritizes imprisonment rather than reform. I will fight to end mass incarceration, subsidies for private prisons, and the cash bail system. I will push for environmental justice and the decriminalization of substance use. I will also fight to demilitarize the police force and provide more resources for education and recidivism programs. I will work to provide a true pathway for positive re-entry into society so that offenders can become actively engaged, contributing members of their communities.

Do you support a worker's right to unionize?

Yes.

Do you support a \$15/hour minimum wage?

Yes.

How do you plan to address the resurgence of white supremacy in the public discourse? Please tell us your plan to respond to white nationalist terrorist acts in this country?

What is your plan to reduce gun violence and mass shootings?

Do you support the payment of reparations and/or related structural adjustment to remunerate the descendants of enslaved African Americans to addressing America's history of codified and systemic racism?

Yes

Do you support the return of unceded lands and territory or related royalties to Indigenous Populations as a form of redress for America's history of codified and systemic racism?

Yes

Do you support Medicare for All?

Absolutely, yes.

Do you support a woman's right to choose?

Yes

Race:

African American

Gender:

Female