

"I am running for Congress because we need a new direction for our country. We need new leaders who will reach across the aisle to find common sense solutions and prioritize the needs of the American people, not the special interests. I am not a typical politician. I am a business leader who is ready to bring change to Washington." - Bob Roggio

Ethics

Gerlach

Was recently sanctioned by the FEC with the largest fine ever imposed on a member from Pennsylvania for violating federal campaign law. Has consistently opposed changing the culture of special interest influence in Washington. Has voted to give more access to special interests by allowing lobbyists to wine and dine members of Congress in their official offices and pay for member travel.

Will hold our elected leaders to the highest ethical standards. Will go further than restricting the number of years that public officials have to "cool off" before lobbying Congress by fighting to put into law a lifetime ban on ex-lawmakers from becoming registered lobbyists.

Energy and the Environment

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Has accepted over \$100,000 in campaign contributions from the oil industry and has repeatedly rewarded them with votes to protect their tax breaks. Has stalled environmental progress, postponed efforts to gain energy independence, and directly hurt the poorest among us. Has voted to cut millions from home heating assistance and voted against an emergency strategic refinery reserve in case of a national disaster. Supports President Bush's plan to lift the ban on drilling for oil and gas off America's coasts.

Will work to create a path to energy independence by reducing our consumption and increasing fuel economy standards, not by yielding to Big Oil's agenda by drilling our way out of the problem. Will make sound and considerable investments into the development of alternative energy sources and new job creation. Will work with the international community to develop fair trade agreements that demand rigorous compliance to environmental standards. Will aggressively support a cap-and-trade plan that reduces greenhouse emissions 80% by 2050.

Economy

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Has supported fiscal policies that subsidize the oil companies, give tax breaks to millionaires, and continue to allow for spending on a war that isn't making Americans any safer. Has consistently voted against fiscally responsible budgets, including a budget that would call for a surplus by 2012 and instruct for a reduction in mandatory spending by \$750 million over 6 years.

Will aid economic recovery by voting for tax cuts for middle class families and by repealing the Bush/Gerlach tax breaks for people making over \$250,000 a year. Will make investments in infrastructure and renewable energy that will create new jobs for today and for tomorrow's generation.

Iraq

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Has been a strident supporter of President Bush's failed policies in Iraq. Has voted against numerous bills aimed at bringing our troops home quickly and responsibly. Has opposed accountability in Iraq by voting against benchmarks for success and investigations into contractor spending. Has voted against a \$1,500 pay raise for each member of the Armed Services serving in Iraq and Afghanistan and voted against increasing funding for quality of life improvements for our troops.

Will fight to bring our troops home safely, responsibly, and in a manner that honors their accomplishments. Will fight to turn control of Iraq over to the Iraqis and start investing here at home to boost our economy, reduce gas prices, curtail rising health care costs, help struggling homeowners, and re-gather our military strength.

Health Care

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Has accepted over \$250,000 in campaign contributions from drug and health insurance companies while touting himself an "independent." He has voted against letting Medicare negotiate lower drug prices for seniors and voted against allowing seniors to buy safe and low-cost drugs from Canada and Europe. Has supported a health care policy that would weaken mental health benefits, leave children in need without appropriate coverage, and cause seniors to pay prohibitively expensive prescription drug costs.

In business, provided all employees access to affordable health care coverage. Will fight to improve the quality of health care while making it more affordable and accessible for all. Will focus on building a comprehensive, universal health care system that relies on the shared responsibility of the government, employers, and individuals. Will renew this country's commitment to seniors, ensuring that they have affordable access to good doctors and prescription drugs.

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