

# AIDS United 2018 Midterm Election Candidate Questionnaire

Q23. Right now, we are closer to ending the HIV epidemic in the United States than at any time in almost four decades. To better understand how Congressional candidates will work to build on the progress we have made and ultimately end the HIV epidemic, AIDS United has created this questionnaire. We ask that your campaign review and complete this survey by close of business on September 24th. This will allow us ample time to compile and release the results well in advance of the general election in November. We will publish the responses without edits. Thank you very much for your participation in this questionnaire.

Q1. Candidate First Name

Kelly

Q20. Candidate Last Name

Standley

Q2. State Where Candidate is Running

Kansas

Q21. Congressional Chamber in Race

Senate

House

Q22. Candidate District

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Q3. Party Affiliation

Democrat

Republican

Independent

Other

Q4. Name of Party Being Represented

Libertarian

Q5. What are your views on the federal government's role in funding or supporting HIV research into potential treatment advances, prevention efforts, and attempts to identify a vaccine and a cure? What, if any, changes to the current HIV prevention and research agenda or funding levels would you propose?

I would promise that funding for this will increase to the highest amount available! I understand through people I have had the honor of knowing what they were and are going through in their daily struggle with this virus!

Q6. What is your position on the use of federal funds to implement evidence-based substance abuse prevention and treatment strategies to help address opioid addiction? For example, what is your position on the use of medication to combat overdoses (i.e. naloxone) or medication-assisted treatment (MAT) to treat opioid disorders? Syringe services programs and safer injection facilities?

We have a problem in this country with doctors over prescribing opioid medication! With that being said there are those who do benefit from these medicines! I plan to present a bill that will legalize marijuana at a National level by putting it to a vote at a national election!

Q7. The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program provides HIV-related services in the United States for those who are uninsured or underinsured and has demonstrated its success at linking and retaining people in care, improving both individual health outcomes for enrollees, and a reduction in new HIV transmissions. What is your view of the current funding levels allocated to the Ryan White Program? What changes, if any, would you make to the program and its funding?

The funding needs to be raised and there needs to be more locations made available to people in rural areas as well the larger cities!

Q8. What is your view of the Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) program, which provides funding for housing assistance and related supportive services for low-income people living with HIV and their families. What changes, if any, would you make to the HOPWA program?

This is a great program and I would like to see it continue but with even more resources!

Q9. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) has provided previously uninsured individuals with public and private health insurance. Please state your position on the ACA and outline your views on the best ways to expand coverage for people who cannot afford it or were denied coverage for some other reason (be it immigration status, pre-existing condition, etc).

I support the ACA without it I would not have been here today! It has a few changes that need to be made but it takes time to make any program better!

Q10. What is your position on work requirements for Medicaid enrollees? What changes, if any, would you make to the Medicaid program?

Medicaid is a wonderful program that helps keep people with health coverage, I would expand it to cover dental as well! So many people today on Medicaid have teeth that cause them to miss work, cause them severe pain and makes them feel worthless when they don't have a nice smile! I have a sister who is missing several teeth and she can't afford new teeth and so she does not smile like she use to!

Q11. Americans living with HIV are subject to outdated and stigmatizing criminal laws. Will you co-sponsor legislation in Congress calling for the review of all HIV criminal laws? What other steps, if any, would you take to help reduce HIV/AIDS stigma and discrimination in the United States?

I would review these laws and move to have those outdated ones amended or removed! As for the stigma of HIV affected people it takes time and someone to be a strong advocate to ensure people that it is not as they have been taught to believe it is not a virus contracted by one lifestyle of people!

Q12. Do you support the 340B Drug Pricing program? What changes, if any, would you make to the program?

We need more affordable medicines so people can afford to pay for them! On the same note we also have to understand the cost it takes to research and make this medicine!

Q13. What is your position on the criminalization of sex work?

Selling oneself is not a way to make a living and the process we have of preventing this kind of work needs to be changed! Placing people in jail is not the answer but finding them jobs and mental health counseling!

Q14. More than 1 in 4 transgender women in the United States are living with HIV, and violence against transgender individuals is higher in 2018 than it ever has been. What do you think should be done to protect the rights and lives of transgender people living in this country?

Our country has made this violence against transgender people by the hatred our own leaders in this country has placed in the minds of those who believe everything they hear!

Q15. Are you familiar with Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), the preventative use of antiretroviral medication for people who do not have HIV, but are at a high risk of infection? Would you be supportive of expanding access to PrEP?

Yes! It is very important to those who are sexually active to be on PrEP

Q16. Similarly, are you aware of the recent scientific consensus around U = U, which stands for Undetectable = Untransmittable, that shows that a person living with HIV who is on antiretroviral medication & has an undetectable viral load cannot pass the virus to their partner? If enough people were able to achieve an undetectable viral load, the United States could begin to end the HIV epidemic in this country. Do you support expanding services to find and link as many people living with HIV as possible to treatment and to help people achieve an undetectable viral load through assistance with medication adherence programs?

Yes, while in Colorado I visited a wonderful hospital and they specialized in infectious diseases! The work they do is amazing and I would like to see the work expanded!

Q17. Do you support efforts to protect and provide substantial federal funding for family planning services? What is your position on the proposed rule change that would prohibit Title X funding recipients from providing their clients with a full range of medical options concerning their pregnancy, including abortion care, and increasing institutional capacity for HIV prevention services?

I don't like abortion but I respect the right for women to make their own choices! Family planning is important and I would vote to keep it around!

Q18. Many documented and undocumented immigrants living with and affected by HIV are refraining from seeking out HIV and general medical care due to fear of deportation or denial of citizenship. Do you believe that health care providers should be safe spaces for immigrants living with and affected by HIV to seek care?

We are a country of immigrants and should never turn someone away because they are not here legally! That should never be a question on a medical file!

Q19. What are your views on potential changes to the “public charge” rule that would make any use of a very wide range of benefits (including healthcare programs such as the Affordable Care Act marketplace subsidies, Children’s Health Insurance Program and potentially some Medicaid benefits detrimental to an immigrant’s chances at becoming a U.S. citizen?

I have seen people use the system because they needed it and I have met those who did not need it but abused the system! We need to make screening efforts better for those who are applying for assistance!

