



## 2026 Candidate Questionnaire

**Candidate Name:** Randi White

**Position:** House of Representatives

**District:** 1

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**What drives you to seek this position and what strengths do you have that make you uniquely qualified?**

"I am running for this office because I love this district and I believe the people here deserve representation that makes life better, not harder. I was born and raised in Maryland's 1st District, and I know these communities because I have lived them. From Baltimore County to Somerset County, families are dealing with rising costs, gaps in healthcare access, underfunded schools, and a feeling that DC is not listening. I am not coming to this race from wealth or comfort. I know what it means to budget, to stretch, and to make hard choices, and I am running to make sure working people are not the ones carrying all the weight.

What makes me uniquely qualified is a combination of deep roots and a career built on connecting with people. I have spent more than two decades in communications, marketing, and media, which means I know how to listen, speak to a wide range of communities, and build real coalitions. I also have recent political experience that shows I can win tough conversations. In 2024, I worked on the Harris Walz campaign in a red district in Virginia, where I regularly engaged Republican and independent voters with respect and honesty. We helped flip local seats blue, and that work reinforced what I already believe: I can persuade people without changing who I am. I can communicate across race and party, especially with people who want stability, fairness, and a representative who shows up.

I bring a lifelong commitment to public service and a willingness to keep learning. I know what I know, I know what I need to learn, and I am not afraid to do the work. As a Democrat, I will fight to protect reproductive freedom, strengthen voting rights, support workers and the right to organize, and invest in public schools and healthcare so every family has a fair shot. That combination of lived experience, communication skill, and proven persuasion is why I am running and why I believe I can win and deliver for Maryland's 1st District."

**For new candidates, policymakers face difficult decisions that at times present conflicts between their personal values, constituents' competing concerns, and their chances to stay in power: what would you do in such situations?**



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"Facing a hard decision where values, competing constituent concerns, and political pressure could collide, I would start with two commitments: tell the truth and protect people. My job is to make decisions that improve lives and reflect the values of the district I represent.

The first thing I would do is listen. That means hearing from the people most impacted, not just the people with the loudest microphones. I would seek input across the district, including communities that have been ignored for too long, and I would make sure constituents have real access to me through regular town halls, office hours, and clear channels for feedback. I also believe in grounding decisions in facts and outcomes, so I would lean on data, experts, and local stakeholders to understand what the decision will actually do in real life.

If there are competing concerns, I will be honest about what I am weighing and why. People need transparency, consistency, and a representative who will explain their reasoning instead of hiding behind talking points. I will not make promises I cannot keep, and I will not sacrifice my core values for political convenience. At the same time, I understand that staying in power matters because it is how you keep fighting and delivering. My approach is to build trust by showing up, listening, and being accountable, even when the answer is not what someone wanted to hear.

In short, I will lead with empathy, accountability, and service. I will make the best decision I can based on people's needs, evidence, and my values, and I will communicate it clearly and directly to the district."

**As a member of the Democratic Party representing constituents in Congress, what would you do to address the impact of Project 2025 policies? Please include your plans regarding the gutting of lawfully allocated funds to programs and agencies through presidential rescission and the firing of unionized federal employees without due process.**

"As a Democrat representing my constituents in Congress, I would treat Project 2025 style policies as both a policy fight and a democracy fight. The impact is real, and in some cases the damage is already underway. The way we respond is by using the actual powers of Congress to block harm, restore what has been dismantled, and hold decision-makers accountable.



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First, I would use Congress's funding and oversight authority to stop environmental and clean energy rollbacks and protect the agencies that safeguard public health. That means fighting to protect lawfully appropriated funds from being withheld or clawed back through aggressive rescission and impoundment tactics, and pushing for strict enforcement of the Impoundment Control Act process so a President cannot unilaterally ignore Congress's spending decisions. It also means supporting GAO oversight of impoundments and demanding transparency when funds are frozen or redirected.

Second, I would defend federal workers, including unionized employees, from being treated like political targets. Career public servants keep the government running, and they are entitled to due process. I would oppose efforts to gut civil service protections and make it easier to fire workers for political reasons, and I would support clear guardrails that uphold merit-based hiring, collective bargaining rights, and fair disciplinary processes. When agencies attempt to bypass those protections, Congress has tools to investigate, demand records, and legislate stronger protections.

Third, I would take seriously the ways Project 2025 style governance undermines democratic institutions. That means using oversight hearings and investigations to expose abuses, conflicts, and unlawful actions, and using legislation and appropriations to limit executive overreach. I am not running on slogans. I am running on accountability and results, and Congress has to be willing to use its authority, not just talk about it.

Finally, on immigration enforcement, I believe we need real accountability and real standards that protect safety, civil liberties, and the rule of law. Recent reporting and events have raised serious concerns about tactics, transparency, and oversight. I support reforms that require clear identification, strong use-of-force standards, protections for sensitive locations, and meaningful oversight so federal enforcement is lawful and accountable.

In short, my approach is to block harm where we can, restore protections where they've been weakened, defend the workforce that serves the public, and use congressional oversight to hold this administration accountable for actions that threaten our environment, our rights, and our democracy."



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### **What is your position on support for Ukraine?**

I support Ukraine, full stop. Ukraine is defending its sovereignty and its people against an unjust and brutal invasion by Russia, and the United States should continue strong support alongside our allies. That includes military assistance with accountability and oversight, humanitarian aid, and sustained diplomatic pressure on Russia. Supporting Ukraine protects democracy, deters authoritarian aggression, and strengthens global stability. In Congress, I would vote to maintain the level of support the US gave under President Biden.

### **What legislation would you champion to address immigration reform? What do you think is wrong (or not) with the current way immigration is being handled? Which specific civil rights of immigrants need to be protected?**

"Backlogs and bureaucracy are often the reason why there are so many issues with immigration reform. These issues create unnecessary overstays and keep families in limbo. Enforcement lacks transparency and consistency, and too often the burden falls hardest on Black and Brown communities.

The key to improvement is modernizing the system by cutting backlogs, simplifying paperwork, and expanding legal pathways that match real workforce needs. I support legislation like the Dream Act of 2025 and the Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2025, alongside process reforms that make lawful immigration workable in real life.

There are many Civil Rights to protect. Necessary are due process, access to counsel, protection from discrimination, humane treatment in custody, and safeguards for families and children."

### **How would you address threats from the federal government to cut funds to rebuild the Key Bridge?**

This rebuild needs sustained federal follow-through instead of the political theater of the threats. I want to constantly tie it all back to how it affects us. This is critical infrastructure tied directly to



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jobs, supply chains, and public safety. Congress has already moved to cover the full cost of the rebuild, and the current estimate is \$4.3–\$5.2 billion with an anticipated opening in late 2030. My role in Congress would be to keep the funding protected during appropriations, coordinate with Maryland's senators and House delegation, and use oversight to keep the process transparent and moving. We can disagree about politics, but we cannot play games with an economic artery like the Port of Baltimore.