



CAIR-MI Presidential Candidates Summary 2012 Election

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2012 Presidential Candidates Summary

Candidate:



Barack Obama (Democratic Party)

Comments: While President Obama has repeatedly expressed support for American-Muslims, he has also often sought to distance himself from the community. Mr. Obama has pledged to ban racial profiling although racial and religious profiling have not decreased under his administration. On immigration, Mr. Obama signed an executive order earlier this year granting deportation waivers for “DREAMers,” although his administration deported over 1.1 million undocumented immigrants, more than any other president since the 1950s. On human rights, although Mr. Obama ended the usage of torture and extraordinary rendition, he also signed the NDAA, which authorized the extra-judicial assassination of U.S. Citizens, and failed to close the Guantanamo Bay detention camp (though this was due to Congressional opposition). He signed into law every reauthorization and extension of the PATRIOT Act. Finally, although he has often taken a more peaceful, diplomatic approach to foreign relations than President Bush, he has also greatly expanded the usage of unmanned drones in foreign nations.

Candidate:



Mitt Romney (Republican Party)

Comments: Mitt Romney's position on certain issues varies, in part because of his transition from a liberal Governor of Massachusetts to a conservative presidential candidate. He is known to contradict himself, or not take a position on issues. For instance, he stated Muslims are peaceful people who deserve respect while he supported wiretapping mosques and conducting surveillance on foreign students while he was Governor. He stated, “Labor unions play an important role in our society” in one breathe, and denounces them in the next. When asked about whether he supports Arizona's harsh immigration law, SB 1070, he has dodged the question. Mr. Romney generally takes a conservative stance on immigration, opposing amnesty for undocumented immigrants. On foreign policy and human rights issues, Romney's positions are much clearer. He supports indefinite detention, extraordinary rendition, assassinations, torture, and drone strikes. Generally, Romney favors an aggressive and militaristic approach to foreign relations, rather than a more diplomatic and peaceful approach. He appointed Walid Phares, an officer in a Maronite militia (which has been accused of committing atrocities during Lebanon's civil war), as an adviser on the Middle East. He is anti-Palestine. He said Palestinians were less economically successful compared to the Israelis because of their culture. Finally, as Governor he supported the reinstatement of the death penalty.

Candidate:



Virgil Goode (Constitution Party)

Comments: Virgil Goode is an Islamophobe who believes “radical Muslims” want to take over the world. He said the election of the first Muslim Congressman, Keith Ellison, posed a threat to American values. He not only opposes granting amnesty to undocumented immigrants, but believes the U.S. must, “Utilize troops, fences, and other measures to stop the invasion from Mexico.” Goode wants to lessen legal immigration. He said legal immigrants, “Take jobs from American citizens.” As a Congressman, he opposed anti-discrimination legislation and supported anti-union legislation. He believes the U.S. should not have gone to war with Iraq and U.S. troops should be withdrawn from Afghanistan. He said the U.S. should decrease, “Expenditures to the UN, the World Bank, the IMF, and to foreign nations”, and the International Criminal Court's decisions should be invalid in the U.S. Generally, Goode opposes any significant U.S. involvement in world affairs. On human rights, he supports enhanced interrogation techniques, and the removal of legal prohibitions on the U.S. Army and the CIA concerning the assassination of foreign enemies. At the same time, he supports repealing the NDAA due to its provisions that allow for the indefinite detention of U.S. citizens. He voted for the Patriot Act, but later said it was a mistake and supported a partial repeal of it. Finally, on labor, he voted to increase the federal minimum wage in 2007, but voted against collective bargaining for public safety officers.

Candidate:



Jill Stein (Green Party)

Comments: Jill Stein opposes the NDAA and the indefinite detention without trial of U.S. citizens. Stein opposes racist violence and believes racism is a major factor in American society. She supports immigration, and believes undocumented immigrants currently in the U.S. should be given the chance to become citizens. She opposes “the systemic practice of detention and deportation of immigrant women, men, and children” and “the militarization of our borders.” She opposes the death penalty, which she said is barbaric. She opposes the Patriot Act and SOPA. On labor, she supports unions and has proposed an “Economic Bill of Rights” that would include provisions for a living wage and a right to unionize. She is an environmentalist, and wants to institute a Green New Deal, “An emergency jobs creation plan that really addresses the crisis in our economy, in unemployment, and likewise, in the climate.” Finally, on foreign policy, Stein opposed the Iraq War, wants to withdraw all U.S. forces from Afghanistan, opposes the usage of drone strikes, and opposes preemptive wars. She advocates for a foreign policy which respects international law, and believes the U.S. should have a multilateral foreign policy, rather than acting as, “The unilateral policemen of the world enforcing our own interest.” Stein opposes the current U.S. policies concerning Israel and Palestine. She said they, “Must be revised to make international law, peace and human rights for all people, no matter their religion or nationality, the central priorities.” Stein has formulated a progressive platform. If she is elected into office, she may face difficulty implementing some of her policies.

Candidate:



Gary Johnson (Libertarian Party)

Comments: As a libertarian, Johnson generally supports limited government, arguing that government should not interfere too much in the citizens' lives or in foreign affairs. He generally supports civil rights protections, and has explicitly come out against the TSA's racial profiling. On immigration, Johnson believes the overall immigration process should be streamlined to make it easier for people to get work visas. He supports the DREAM Act and a "two year grace period" where undocumented immigrants can obtain work visas. On human rights, he opposes torture and indefinite detention, arguing that the government must respect habeas corpus. He supports waging war for humanitarian reasons, and said, "We should resort to military action as the last option and only as provided in the Constitution." He has criticized drone strikes. He said he wishes to, "Leave all options on the table." He opposes the death penalty, the Patriot Act, and SOPA. On labor, he opposes child labor laws, supports right-to-work laws, and, while Governor, vetoed a bill to raise the minimum wage.

Note: Gary Johnson was disqualified from running as the Libertarian presidential candidate in Michigan after missing a deadline to withdraw from the Republican primary by 3 minutes. He is currently suing the Michigan Secretary of State to get on the Michigan ballot as the Libertarian Party's candidate for the 2012 presidential election. He may choose to run as an Independent in Michigan if the lawsuit is not concluded before the time to run as a libertarian candidate.

Campaign Websites:

Barack Obama (Democratic Party) -
<http://www.barackobama.com>

Mitt Romney (Republican Party) -
<http://www.mittromney.com/>

Virgil Goode (Constitution Party) -
<http://www.goodeforpresident2012.com/>

Gary Johnson (Libertarian Party) -
<http://www.garyjohnson2012.com/>

Jill Stein (Green Party) -
<http://www.jillstein.org/>

Additional resources:

ACLU's Candidate Report Card on Civil Liberties
<http://www.aclulibertywatch.org/ALWCandidateReportCard.pdf>

CAIR's 2012 Presidential Voter Guide
<http://www.cair.com/portals/0/pdf/Presidential-Voter-Guide-Final.pdf>

On the Issues:
<http://www.ontheissues.org/default.htm>

Project Vote Smart
<http://votesmart.org/>



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Bill Descriptions - U.S. House of Representatives:

1. **HR 514** - FISA Sunsets Extension Act of 2011 (Extend expiring provisions of Patriot Act “relating to access to business records, individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers, and roving wiretaps until December 8, 2011) – Passed House February 17, 2011 (Oppose)
2. **House Amendment 524** (Amendment to Limit Suspicion-less Patriot Act Searches) to HR 1, Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 – Failed House February 18, 2011 (Support)
3. **S.990** - PATRIOT Sunsets Extension Act of 2011 (Patriot Act reauthorization) – Passed House May 24, 2011 (Oppose)
4. **H.R. 140** - Birthright Citizenship Act of 2011 (Would remove birthright citizenship from people born in the USA if their parents are not permanent residents or citizens) - In Committee (Oppose)
5. **H.R. 3012** - Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act of 2011 (Removes some Green Card Restrictions) – Passed House November 29, 2011 (Support)
6. **H.R.495** - See Something, Say Something Act of 2011 (Encourages Profiling) – In Committee (Oppose)
7. **H.R. 3618** - End Racial Profiling Act of 2011 - In Committee (Support)
8. **H.R.3116** - Department of Homeland Security Reauthorization Act of 2011 (Note: contains language specifically targeting Muslim-Americans) – Yet to be voted on. (Oppose)
9. **H.Res.283** - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Federal Government should takes steps to counter the growth in anti-Muslim sentiments, targeted rhetorical attacks, and violence against the Muslim, Arab, Sikh, and South Asian American Communities - In Committee (Support)
10. **H.R. 997** – English Language Unity Act of 2011 (Would make English the official language in the U.S.) - In Committee (Oppose)
11. **H.R. 3523**: Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act (lacks civilian oversight and protections for privacy) - Passed House April 26, 2012 (Oppose)
12. **H.R. 347**: Federal Restricted Buildings and Grounds Improvement Act of 2011 (Restricts right to protest) - Passed House February 28, 2011 (Oppose)
13. **H.R. 2189**: Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2011 (State and Federal authorities must report all deaths of people in law enforcement custody to the U.S. Attorney General) – Passed House September 20, 2011 (Support)
14. **H.R. 4970**: Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2012 (Note: fails to include new protections and undermines existing ones for survivors of domestic violence. This bill is opposed by the White House and the ACLU.) - Passed House May 16, 2012 (Oppose)
15. **H.R. 1842**: Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act of 2011 (Make it easier for people brought to the U.S. as children to become permanent residents and citizens) – In Committee (Support)
16. **H.R. 658** – FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (Inhibits ability of unions to organize; opposed by many international unions) – Passed House April 11, 2011 (Oppose).
17. **H.R. 2587** – Protecting Jobs From Government Interference Act (Remove protections in the National Labor Relations Board that would prevent corporations from retaliating against union workers by moving their operations to regions with lower wages) - Passed House September 15, 2011 (Oppose)
18. **H.R. 3094** – Workforce Democracy and Fairness Act (Restrict workers' collective bargaining rights) – Passed House November 30, 2011. (Oppose)
19. **H.R. 1540** - National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Contains provisions for indefinite detention of Americans) – Passed House May 26 2011 (Oppose)
 1. **House Amendment 327** (would have removed Section 1034, which significantly increased the President's capacity to declare war) – Failed May 26, 2011. (Support)
20. **H.R. 4310** - National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Contains provisions for indefinite detention of Americans) – Passed House May 18, 2012 (Oppose)
 1. **House Amendment 1127** (Repeal Indefinite Military Detention Provisions) to HR 4310 – Failed May 18, 2012 (Support)
 2. **House Amendment 1103** (Limits Funding for War in Afghanistan to the Withdrawal of U.S. Forces) to HR 4310 – Failed May 17, 2012 (Support)
 3. **House Amendment 1140** (Prohibits Reductions to Strategic Nuclear Arms Required by New START) to HR 4310 – Adopted May 18, 2012 (Oppose)
21. **H.R. 4133**: United States-Israel Enhanced Security Cooperation Act of 2012 - Passed May 9, 2012 (Oppose)
22. **H.Con.Res.28** - Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove the United States Armed Forces from Afghanistan – Failed House May 17, 2011 (Support)

Ratings - House of Representatives

Domestic Policy Issues

District	Representative	Political Party	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	%	Final Grade
1	Dan Benishek	R	X	X	X	X/CS	□	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X/CS	X/CS	X	□	X	N/A	X	X	X	17.00%	F
2	Bill Huizenga	R	X	X	X	N/A	□	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X/CS	X	□	X	N/A	X	X	X	16.00%	F
3	Justin Amash	R	□	□	□	N/A	□	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	□	□	X	□	N/A	□	X	X	72.00%	B
4	David Camp	R	X	X	X	N/A	□	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X/CS	X/CS	X	□	X	N/A	X	X	X	17.00%	F
5	Dale Kildee	D	□	□	□	N/A	□	N/A	□/CS	N/A	N/A	N/A	□	X	□	□	N/A	□	□	□	91.00%	A
6	Frederick Upton	R	X	X	X	X/CS	□	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X/CS	X/CS	X	□	X	N/A	X	X	X	17.00%	F
7	Timothy Walberg	R	X	X	X	X/CS	□	X/CS	N/A	X/CS	N/A	X/CS	X/CS	NV	□	X	N/A	X	X/CS	X/CS	18.00%	F+
8	Michael Rogers	R	X/CS	X	X	N/A	□	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X/CS	X/S	X	□	X	N/A	X	X	X	13.00%	F
9	Gary Peters	D	X	□	X	N/A	□	N/A	□/CS	N/A	N/A	N/A	□	X	□	□	□/CS	□	□	□	73.00%	B
10	Candice Miller	R	X	X	X	N/A	□	X/CS	N/A	X/CS	N/A	N/A	X/CS	X	□	X	N/A	X	X	X	17.00%	F
11	Thaddeus McCotter	R	X	X	X	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X/CS	□	X	□	X	N/A	X	X	X	19.00%	F+
12	Sander Levin	D	X	□	X	N/A	□	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	□	X	□	□	□/CS	□	□	□	73.00%	B
13	Hansen Clarke	D	□	□	□	N/A	□	N/A	□/CS	N/A	□/CS	N/A	□	X	□	□	□/CS	□	□	□	88.00%	A
14	John Conyers	D	□	□/CS	A	N/A	□	N/A	□/S	N/A	□/S	N/A	□	X	V/CS	□	□/CS	□	□	□	91.00%	A
15	John Dingell	D	□	□	A	N/A	□	N/A	□/CS	N/A	N/A	N/A	□	X	□	□	N/A	□	□	□	85.00%	B+

Foreign Policy Issues

District	Representative	Political Party	19	19.1	20	20.1	20.2	20.3	21	22	%	Final Grade
1	Dan Benishek	R	X	X	X	X	□	X	X/CS	X	3.00%	F
2	Bill Huizenga	R	X	X	X	X	X	X	X/CS	X	0.00%	F-
3	Justin Amash	R	□	□/S	□	□	□	□	X	P	88.00%	A
4	David Camp	R	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0.00%	F-
5	Dale Kildee	D	X	□	X	□	X	□	X	X	38.00%	D+
6	Frederick Upton	R	X	X	X	X	X	X	X/CS	X	0.00%	F-
7	Timothy Walberg	R	X	X	X	X	X	X	X/CS	X	0.00%	F-
8	Michael Rogers	R	X	X	X	X	X	X	X/CS	X	0.00%	F-
9	Gary Peters	D	X	□	□	□	X	□	X/CS	X	47.00%	C
10	Candice Miller	R	X	X	X	X	X	X	X/CS	X	0.00%	F-
11	Thaddeus McCotter	R	X	X	X	X	X	X	X/CS	X	0.00%	F-
12	Sander Levin	D	X	□	X	X	X	□	X/CS	X	22.00%	D-
13	Hansen Clarke	D	□	□	□	□	□	□	X/CS	□	84.00%	A
14	John Conyers	D	□	□	□	□	□	□	X	□/CS	91.00%	A
15	John Dingell	D	X	□	X	□	X	□	□	X	50.00%	C

Overall Grades

District	Representative	Overall Grade
1	Dan Benishek	F
2	Bill Huizenga	F
3	Justin Amash	A-
4	David Camp	F
5	Dale Kildee	B-
6	Frederick Upton	F
7	Timothy Walberg	F
8	Michael Rogers	F
9	Gary Peters	B-
10	Candice Miller	F
11	Thaddeus McCotter	F
12	Sander Levin	D
13	Hansen Clarke	A
14	John Conyers	A
15	John Dingell	B

Vote Key

□, □S, □/CS = Voted for, sponsored, and/or co-sponsored legislation that CAIR-MI supports
 X, X/S, X/CS = Voted for, sponsored, and/or co-sponsored legislation that CAIR-MI opposes
 S = Sponsored
 CS = Co-Sponsored
 A = Abstained
 NV = No Vote (Representative did not vote on this legislation)
 P = Present (Representative voted "Present" rather than for or against a bill)
 N/A = Not Applicable (Bill had not been brought to a vote yet, the representative has not sponsored or con-sponsored it)

Grading Scale:

A = 80-100%
 B = 60-79%
 C = 40-59%
 D = 20-39%
 F = 0-19%
 N/A = No Grade

Democrats are highlighted in **BLUE**
 Republicans are highlighted in **RED**

Bill Descriptions – Senate:

- 1 **HR 514** - FISA Sunsets Extension Act of 2011 (Extend expiring provisions of Patriot Act “relating to access to business records, individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers, and roving wiretaps until December 8, 2011) – Passed Senate Feb 17, 2011 (Oppose)
- 2 **S.990** - PATRIOT Sunsets Extension Act of 2011 (Patriot Act reauthorization) - Passed Senate May 19, 2011 (Oppose)
- 3 **S. 811** - Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2011 (Prohibit employment discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity) – Yet to be moved to Committee (Support)
- 4 **S. 1670** - End Racial Profiling Act of 2011 – Yet to be moved to committee (Support)
- 5 **S. 219** - Senate Disclosure Parity Act (Increase public transparency of political campaigns for Senate) – Yet to be moved to committee (Support)
- 6 **S. 952** - Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act of 2011 (Make it easier for people brought to the U.S. as children to become permanent residents and citizens) – Yet to be brought to committee (Support)
- 7 **DeMint Amendment No. 4464** (Prevent federal interference with Arizona anti-immigration laws) to HR 4213 – Failed March 13, 2012 (Oppose)
- 8 **S. 1546** - Department of Homeland Security Reauthorization Act of 2011 (Note: contains language specifically targeting Muslim-Americans) – In Committee (Oppose)
- 9 **S. 306** - National Criminal Justice Commission Act of 2011 (Would create a committee to Study U.S. Prison system)- In Committee (Support)
- 10 **H.R. 347**: Federal Restricted Buildings and Grounds Improvement Act of 2011 (Restricts right to protest) – Passed Senate by Unanimous Consent - February 27 2012 (Oppose)
- 11 **H.R. 658** – FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (Inhibits ability of unions to organize; opposed by many international unions) – Passed Senate February 6, 2012 (Oppose)
- 12 **S. 1786** – REINS Act (would weaken public health and worker protections) – Failed November 2, 2011 (Oppose)
- 13 **H.R. 1540** - National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Contains provisions for indefinite detention of Americans) – Passed Senate December 15, 2011 (Oppose)
- 14 **S. 1867**: National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Original Senate version of bill – passed in Senate, but later disregarded for HR 1540) – Passed December 1, 2011 (Oppose)
 - 14.1 **S Amdt 1064**: (Repeals Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq) – Rejected Nov 29, 2011 (Support)
 - 14.2 **S Amdt 1126**: (Prohibits Detention of U.S. Citizens Without Trial) - Rejected Dec 1, 2011 (Support)
 - 14.3 **S Amdt 1125**: (Limits New Detention Rules to Prisoners Captured Outside the U.S.) - Rejected Dec 1, 2011 (Support)

Ratings – Senate

<u>Domestic Policy Issues</u>															%	Final Grade
Senator	Political Party	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
Debbie Stabenow	D	X	X	□/CS	□/CS	N/A	N/A	□	N/A	N/A	X	X	□	31.00%	D	
Carl Levin	D	X	X	□/CS	□/CS	□/CS	□/CS	□	N/A	□/CS	X	□	□	52.00%	C	

<u>Foreign Policy Issues</u>									<u>Overall Grades</u>		
Senator	Political Party	13	14	14.1	14.2	14.3	%	Final Grade	Senator	Political Party	Overall Grade
Debbie Stabenow	D	X	X	X	X	X	0.00%	F-	Debbie Stabenow	D	F
Carl Levin	D	X	X/S	X	X	X	0.00%	F-	Carl Levin	D	D

Additional Information About the 2012 Elections:

Legislative Ratings published by other organizations:

NAACP Legislative Civil Rights Report Cards -
<http://www.naacp.org/pages/report-cards>

ACLU Legislative Scorecard -
<https://ssl.capwiz.com/aclu/keyvotes.xc/?lv=C>

Peace Action's Congressional Voting Records -
<http://www.peace-action.org/voting-records>

The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights's Voting Record for the 112th Congress -
<http://www.civilrights.org/advocacy/voting/>

Project Vote Smart's list of interest group ratings -
<http://votesmart.org/interest-groups>

AFL-CIO's Legislative Scorecard -
<http://www.aflcio.org/Legislation-and-Politics/Legislative-Voting-Records>

Resources for learning more about current and past Congressional legislation:

Project Vote Smart (Info on politicians and their voting records)
<http://votesmart.org/>

That's My Congress (For legislative Scorecards grading Congress)
<http://thatsmycongress.com/>

Govtrack (For tracking current and past legislation)
<http://www.govtrack.us/>

On the Issues (Detailed descriptions of politicians' political stances)
<http://www.ontheissues.org/default.htm>

Ballotpedia (“An interactive almanac of state politics”)
http://ballotpedia.org/wiki/index.php/Main_Page

Bill Descriptions:

23. **HB 4769 / SB 0701** - Restriction of Application of Foreign Laws Act (anti-Sharia Bill); would restrict religious liberties – Currently in committee. **(OPPOSE)**
24. **HB 4163**: Mandates anti-bullying policies in public schools – Signed by Gov. Snyder on December 6, 2011. **(SUPPORT)**
25. **HB 4305**: Support our law enforcement and safe neighborhoods act (based on Arizona's anti-immigration law, could promote profiling) – Currently in Committee. **(OPPOSE)**
26. **HB 4024**: Public employers must use federal E-Verify system on employees (potentially anti-immigration, E-Verify system flawed) – Currently in Committee. **(OPPOSE)**
27. **HB 4414**: Makes it more difficult to get married; particularly targets immigrants – Currently in committee. **(OPPOSE)**
28. **SB 0803**: Requires voter to show identification and affirm citizenship to obtain an absentee ballot – Vetoed by Gov. Snyder July 3, 2012. **(OPPOSE)**
29. **HCR 0047**: to memorialize the Congress and the President of the United States to repeal the provisions within the recently signed National Defense Authorization Act that allow the detention without trial - Currently in committee. **(SUPPORT)**
30. **HB 4611** - to prohibit and make it a civil rights law violation to employ a person at a wage or salary that is less than an amount established under an interpretation of “comparable worth” devised by a government commission composed of various special interests and advocacy groups proposed by House Bill 4613 – Currently in committee **(SUPPORT)**
31. **HB 5024/SB 704** - Regulates and limits right to picket – Currently in committee. **(OPPOSE)**
32. **SB 493**: Restricts collective bargaining for public school employees – Signed by Gov. Snyder December 13, 2011. **(OPPOSE)**
33. **SB 158**: Allow Emergency Financial Managers to terminate collective bargaining agreements, remove elected officials and ban them from running for office for 6 years, and dissolve political structures – Signed by Gov. Snyder March 13, 2011. **(OPPOSE)**
34. **HB 4611** - to prohibit and make it a civil rights law violation to employ a person at a wage or salary that is less than an amount established under an interpretation of “comparable worth” devised by a government commission composed of various special interests and advocacy groups proposed by House Bill 4613 – Currently in committee **(SUPPORT)**
35. **SB 0165/ HB 4287** Prohibit collective bargaining terms in government contracts and contracts supported through government grants and tax subsidies and abatements – Senate version of the bill (SB 0165) signed by Gov. Snyder July 16, 2011 **(OPPOSE)** (Note: Although the House version of the bill (HB 4287) was not brought to a vote, it will be noted in the scorecard when a representative sponsored this version of the bill)
36. **HB 4153** – Create an Arab-American heritage month – Currently in committee. **(SUPPORT)**
37. **SR 0126**: A resolution to reaffirm the relationship between Michigan and Israel and express Michigan's support for policies that advance the partnership between the United States and Israel – Resolution adopted March 8, 2012. **(OPPOSE)**
38. **SB 0754**: Need a photo ID to register in-person to vote, and imposes further requirements on third parties – Vetoed By Gov. Snyder on July 3, 2012. **(OPPOSE)**
39. **SB 0877**: Allow state gov. to contract out prisoners to private prisons for five-year contracts – Passed by Senate March 13, 2012; currently being considered in the House of Representatives. **(OPPOSE)**
40. **HB 4628**: Prohibits public school employees from striking, prevents them from discussing several topic during collective bargaining negotiations – Signed by Gov. Snyder July 19, 2011. **(OPPOSE)**
41. **HB 4214**: Allow for the appointment of Emergency Financial Managers, replacing democratically elected officials – Signed by Gov. Snyder March 16, 2011. **(OPPOSE)**
42. **HB 4325**: Appropriations for K-12, colleges, and universities (cut K-12 public schools budget from \$13.13 billion to \$12.66 billion, cut public universities budget from \$1.58 billion to \$1.36 billion, cut community colleges budget from \$295.8 million to \$283.8 million.) - Signed by Gov. Snyder June 21, 2011. **(OPPOSE)**
43. **HB 4152**: Removes seniority-based automatic pay hikes (step wage increases); any increased health benefit costs passed on to the employee until a new contract is signed – Signed by Gov. Snyder June 6, 2011. **(OPPOSE)**

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YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/michigancair>

Additional Information on the 2012 State Legislature Elections:

15 In the Michigan House of Representatives:

- 15.1 John Olumba of District 5, Harvey Santana of District 10, Rashida Tlaib of District 12, George Darany of District 15, Bob Constan of District 16 have spoken out against Islamophobic legislation and expressed support for the Muslim-American community in Michigan
- 15.2 John Walsh of District 19 has worked hard to block anti-Sharia and Arizona-style immigration legislation.
- 15.3 Dian Slavens of District 21 and Lisa Brown of District 39 have expressed support for the Muslim-American community in Michigan.
- 15.4 David Agema of District 74 has not only sponsored the Islamophobic “Anti-Sharia” bill, but he has also sponsored several pieces of anti-immigration legislation. He is currently one of the most virulent Islamophobes in the Michigan House of Representatives.

16 In the Michigan Senate:

- 16.1 Bret Johnson of District 2, Morris Hood of District 3, and Rebekah Warren of District 18 have expressed explicit support for the Muslim-American community in Michigan.

Resources for learning more about current and past Congressional legislation:

Michigan Legislature (Look up past and current legislation)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/>

Michigan Votes (Look up past and current legislation)

<http://www.michiganvotes.org/>

Michigan Voter Information Center (Provides general information about voting; run by the Secretary of State)

<https://webapps.sos.state.mi.us/mivote/>

Michigan Secretary of State's Elections in Michigan website
(Additional information about elections, who is running, how to vote, etc.)

<http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633---,00.html>

Project Vote Smart (Information on MI state legislative officials)

<http://votesmart.org/officials/MI/L/michigan-state-legislative>

Ballotpedia (“an interactive almanac of state politics”)

http://ballotpedia.org/wiki/index.php/Main_Page

Legislative Ratings published by other organizations:

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Michigan's 2011-2012
Legislative

Docket (List of legislation dealing with civil rights and related issues)

http://www.aclumich.org/sites/default/files/LegislativeDocket12_12.pdf

Michigan State AFL-CIO's Legislative Updates (Information of legislation related with labor issues)

<http://www.miaflcio.org/legislative-action/legislative-report.html>