

ACT! for America Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name: Elizabeth (“Liz”) Berney, Esq.

Candidate Political Party: Republican

Candidate Signature: Signed electronically by candidate

Office Sought: U.S. House, New York District 5.

The district covers:

Northeast Queens, including Little Neck, Bayside, Douglaston, Whitestone, Hollis Hills, Jamaica Estates, parts of Flushing and Jackson Heights, and Corona, and

Northern Nassau County, including Great Neck, Manhasset, Roslyn, Roslyn Heights, Port Washington, Plandome, Sands Point, Albertson, Old Westbury, and East Williston

Dear Friends:

This is a critical race for the principles supported by Act! For America. Please vote for me, ask your friends in the district to vote for me and support my under-funded campaign. I am a strong supporter of energy independence and a strong America and a strong stance against terrorism.

I am running against Congressman Ackerman, a 25-year incumbent with a miserable record. Ackerman did the following:

- (1) Ackerman voted against the 2007 “See Something, Say Something” law (sponsored by Congressman Peter King). This law protects from lawsuits citizens who in good faith report suspicious terrorist activity.**
- (2) Ackerman twice voted against honoring Christmas (2005 and 2007) after he voted for honoring Ramadan.**
- (3) Ackerman is the prime promoter of sending our U.S. tax dollars to Mahmoud Abbas and the Palestinian Authority (in 2004, 2005, 2007 and 2008) even though the P.A. announced that it is sending 40% of the funds it receives from international donors to Hamas, even though Abbas stated that he wants a partnership with**

Hamas to destroy Israel, and even though an excellent study shows that funding the P.A. correlates with increased violence (both terrorists killing Israelis and Palestinians killing each other). In June 2008, Ackerman stated that we should give Abbas another \$100 million of our U.S. tax dollars and make Abbas into the “Muslim Santa Claus.” This was just after Abbas sentenced to death a Palestinian policeman who turned over information about terrorists to the Israelis to save Israeli and other Western lives.

(4) Ackerman stated (in July 2008) that he is personally willing to speak to Iran’s nuclear-war-mongering Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and other leaders with no pre-conditions. He also brags about meeting other world dictators, including Castro and Kim Jong Il.

(5) Ackerman is especially dangerous because he is now chair of the House Mid-East subcommittee.

(6) Ackerman also has ethical issues. He was one of the biggest check kitters in the House Banking Scandal, and had to resign from the House Ethics Committee.

Please feel free to contact our campaign at:

LizBerneyforCongress@gmail.com or Committee to Elect LizBerney, P.O. Box 222010, Great Neck, New York 11022. (This is also our address for contributions.) Our website is: www.LizBerneyforCongress.com.

Thank you!!!

Please print or type all information.

1. It is becoming increasingly evident that American dependence on foreign oil, especially oil from countries that support and/or export radical Islamic ideology and terrorism, poses a growing threat to our national security. There has been considerable discussion of alternative energy such as wind and solar, but neither provide any significant solution for the liquid energy needs of our transportation sector, at least for the foreseeable future. Would you support or oppose each of the following proposals to help move America’s transportation sector away from foreign oil dependence and thus better protect our national security?

a. The Open Fuel Standard Act, legislation with bi-partisan sponsorship which would require that starting in 2012, 50% of new automobiles, and starting in 2015, 80% of new automobiles, sold in the United States, be flex-fuel vehicles warranted to operate on gasoline, ethanol, and methanol, or be warranted to operate on biodiesel.

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments:

I strongly support flex-fuel cars. Flex fuel cars are an essential key to ending our dependence on foreign oil. Flex fuel cars serve the triple purpose of enabling us to achieve energy independence, assisting our economy and helping our environment, at minimal cost (about \$100 per car). I would also support a faster time-table for producing flex fuel cars than called for in the above legislation. In addition to producing new cars with flex fuel capacity, I would support making certified conversion kits available to the public at a reasonable price, to convert our current auto fleet to flex fuel.

b. A presidential Executive Order mandating conversion of the federal automotive fleet from gasoline to domestically-produced natural gas.

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: **See above**

c. Expansion of offshore oil and natural gas exploration and drilling.

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments:

It is essential to our national security and economy that we become energy independent as rapidly as possible. Right now, we are sending \$700 billion per year to OPEC regimes, thereby funding both sides of the war on terror. We must employ all environmentally safe methods to become energy independent, including offshore oil and natural gas exploration and drilling.

d. Opening up a small section of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to oil exploration and drilling.

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: **See above**

2. American companies are prohibited from doing business in or with nations that have been determined to be sponsors of terrorism. However, some federal and state public pension funds, partially funded with tax dollars, invest in foreign companies that do business in and with terrorist-sponsoring countries. Would you support or oppose legislation that would prohibit federal pension funds from investing in foreign

companies that do business in and with terrorist-sponsoring countries?

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments:

3. Materials distributed in some American mosques advocate the overthrow of America's constitutional form of government and replacing it with Islamic law, known as sharia law. Many such materials also call on Muslims to take up the cause of holy war against all unbelievers. Would you support or oppose congressional hearings to review such materials that are now in the public domain, to determine if they violate federal laws applying to terrorism or sedition?

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments:

4. Many Muslims in England and Western Europe are pressing the countries where they live to create a separate court system for them, where they would be governed by Islamic sharia law, instead of the law of the countries in which they live. Would you support or oppose allowing Muslims in America to live under their own Islamic court and legal system in such areas as family court, instead of the court and legal systems of the United States and the state in which they live?

Support Oppose (but see comments) Undecided

Comments:

Under our present laws, two parties can voluntarily agree to submit a monetary dispute to a private arbitration forum. However, certain types of disputes which are a matter of public interest – such as child custody – can NOT be submitted to arbitration and must go to our civil courts.

We should continue to give Muslim courts the exact same treatment which we give to other non-governmental decision-making bodies in the U.S. A Muslim court should only be permitted to serve as a private arbitration forum for monetary disputes in cases where both parties agree to have their dispute settled by this arbitration forum. Child custody and other public interest matters should not be permitted to be resolved by Muslim courts (or any other non-governmental court or forum).

5. Some American banks and investment firms are participating in an Islamic form of financing known as "Sharia Compliant Financing." Under the rules of Sharia Compliant Financing, a bank or investment firm is required to give a percentage of its profits to Muslim charities, some of which have been shown to have direct or indirect ties to terrorist organizations. Would you support or oppose a government

investigation of Sharia Compliant Financing to determine if it violates federal treasury, banking and anti-terrorism laws?

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: **Such investigations should focus on any requirements to give profits to charities with ties to terrorist organizations.**

6. The FBI has a shortage of Arabic translators capable of translating intelligence that might provide leads to terrorist activity. In spite of this shortage, for the past few years the FBI has rejected most Christian and Jewish applicants who are fluent in Arabic, preferring to limit its hiring almost exclusively to Muslim applicants. Would you support or oppose a government investigation of the FBI Arabic translator program?

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: **We also need to increase Arabic and Farsi-studies programs.**

7. America's humanitarian refugee law allows foreign refugees to apply for expedited entry to the U.S. Would you support or oppose amending U.S. law to (1) require all humanitarian refugees to swear under oath that they will not support or advocate a theological totalitarian form of government to replace our current government, and (2) require the deportation of any refugee who violated this oath?

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments:

8. Abdurahman Alamoudi, who is serving a 23 year prison term on terrorism-related charges, was instrumental in the approval and placement of many of the Muslim chaplains in the U.S. prison system. Would you support or oppose a government investigation of all U.S. prison chaplains who were approved by Alamoudi to determine if they have links to terrorist organizations or suspected terrorists?

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments:

9. Iran continues its march toward the development of nuclear weaponry, and it is becoming increasingly likely that Iran will acquire nuclear weapons some time within the next three to five years. If diplomacy and sanctions fail to "persuade" Iran to end its drive to develop nuclear weapons, would you support the use of targeted military force to destroy Iran's nuclear weapons program before it is capable of using or exporting such weapons of mass destruction?

Support

Oppose

Undecided

Comments: Ahmadinejad's recent virulently anti-American, anti-semitic speech at the U.N. (on 9/24/08) makes it clear that his and the Iranian government's intention is to destroy both Israel and the U.S. Iran's mullahs support the same policy. (For instance, see Ayatollah Hashemi Rafsanjani's "death to America" sermon at Teheran University in April 2005, and Ayatollah Tavasolli's remarks that they all believe in the destruction of Israel (reported in *The Financial Times* of London on 5/30/08)).

Iran's leaders' intention to use Iran's nuclear program for military purposes and the imminent danger which this poses is confirmed by numerous facts. In light of Iran's huge oil and natural gas reserves, a peaceful nuclear energy program makes no economic sense for Iran. Iran's long-range Shihab-3 ballistic missiles are not suited to conventional warheads, and only "make sense" with nuclear warheads. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)'s recent report indeed states that Iran has taken steps to enable its Shihab-3 missiles to carry nuclear warheads. Iran has also obstructed the inspection efforts of the IAEA; refused to comply with inspection regimes required by the U.N. Security Council; sponsors terrorism throughout the world (including sending weapons to Al Qaeda, Hamas and Hezbollah) and sends weapons into Iraq which kill American soldiers. Iran has undeclared uranium processing plants in Natanz (enrichment facilities) and Arak, uranium processing plants in Isfahan and Kashan, and a uranium mine in Seghand. Spent fuel from Iran's heavy water facility in Arak contains plutonium which can be reprocessed into nuclear weapons fuel. *The Daily Telegraph* reported in mid-September 2008 that Teheran has surreptitiously removed a sufficient amount of uranium from its nuclear production facility in Isfahan to produce six nuclear bombs. All indications point to the fact that Iran is now in the late stages of assembling nuclear bombs. The timetable for finalization of Iran's nuclear weapons capability is likely between 6 months and 2 years (much shorter than the 3 to 5 years stated in the question).

We need to pursue all available options (including targeted strikes if needed) to keep Iran from finalizing its military nuclear capabilities. We should also assist U.S. allies who would help us with such strikes. For instance, the U.S.'s recent refusal to sell refueling jets to Israel should be reversed.

10. It has become increasingly common for foreign nationals to sue American authors in foreign jurisdictions. These suits claiming defamation are filed in foreign jurisdictions because such jurisdictions do not provide the constitutional protections of free speech that exist in America. Earlier this year New York passed legislation protecting authors from such lawsuits. Similar legislation, known as the Free Speech Protection Act, has been introduced with bi-partisan sponsorship in Congress. Would you support or oppose the Free Speech Protection Act?

Support

Oppose

Undecided

Comments: **New York State's recent legislation was passed unanimously and was a great victory for free speech and the ability to expose terrorist activity. (The New York law is also known as Rachel's Law in honor of Rachel Ehrenfeld, author of *Funding Evil*, who was sued under Britian's libel laws by Sheikh Khalid bin Mahfouz after Ehrenfeld exposed his terrorism funding activity.) We should similarly pass a federal Free Speech Protection Act. In addition, we should seek, through diplomatic efforts, to have Britain protect free speech by changing its libel laws. British libel laws have been used repeatedly to prevent the publication of books revealing who is involved in funding terrorism.**

11. Recently a police officer who ticketed a Muslim was threatened with a lawsuit from an Islamic organization claiming discrimination. Would you support or oppose legislation protecting first responders from lawsuits filed by organizations known to be consorting with or providing support to terrorist organizations, or who have been indicted as a conspirator or co-conspirator with terrorist organizations?

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments:

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