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**Jane Timken is a Republican candidate for U.S. Senate in Ohio.**



**1) What is the one policy issue or area that you are most passionate about?**

Today, the American Dream is under attack from the socialist Left. Instead of promoting American exceptionalism, Democrats want you to believe that America is a racist and evil country. They are making it harder for families to meet their bottom line by raising taxes and spending huge sums of taxpayer dollars on wasteful projects. They are leaving students behind by sacrificing the fundamentals of a good education in favor of leftist ideology. They are 'canceling' any diversity of thought and pushing policies that promote equality of outcome rather than equality of opportunity. I refuse to let the Left cancel the American Dream and turn our country into a socialist nation. In the U.S. Senate, I will always fight for our Constitutional liberties, American values, and economic opportunities that have made ours the greatest nation on Earth and ensure that every Ohioan has the ability to live their American Dream.

**2) Which organizations or leaders do you consult with for advice on policy? Are there any whose views particularly align with yours?**

The America First policies of President Trump and his administration most closely align to mine because they worked for Ohio and worked for this country. As Ohio's next United States Senator, I will work to unleash America's economic engine by emulating policies like the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act championed by President Trump and Senator Rob Portman, and slash regulations that hinder innovation and business growth. On a national security front, I will follow the conservative principle of peace through strength so our allies respect us, our enemies fear us, and our national sovereignty is protected. This means strong immigration policies, a secure border, and energy independence. As Senator, I will work to return to these winning policies that have been systemically dismantled by the Left.

**3) Recent statistics from the FBI indicate that Jews are the victims of more than half of all religiously motivated hate crimes in the U.S. This uptick in antisemitism coincides with a robust debate about the role of policing in American society, with**

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**some arguing for abolishing or defunding the police, while others advocate for limited reforms or preserving the status quo. What is your position on police reform and — in light of that — how do you believe the government should address violent antisemitism?**

With members like the socialist squad defining policy, the Democrat Party has become the Party of defunding the police. The rise of violent crime in primarily Democrat-run cities across the country is a direct result of these policies that allow violent crime, looting and other illegal activity to go unpunished and unnoticed. Similarly, as the Left continues their criticism of Israel and transparent embrace of anti-Israel policies, anti-Semitic hate crimes have become increasingly normalized. This is unacceptable. As a U.S. Senator, I will stand up to the lawless Left that has demonized law enforcement and law-abiding citizens while emboldening criminals and hateful thugs. I will make sure we treat our police as heroes and hold criminals accountable as criminals! This includes individuals who commit violent and disgusting anti-Semitic hate crimes who should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

**Optional: Describe any efforts you've made to combat antisemitism within your own party, and how you've held your political allies accountable for any instances of antisemitism.**

While serving as Ohio Republican Party Chairman, I called out members of my own Party for comparing COVID restrictions to actions of Nazi Germany. I believe that far too often, these comparisons are made to spark outrage, but in reality, are callous, inappropriate, and a disservice to the memory of millions of Jews that suffered at the hands of Nazis. We cannot normalize or water down these atrocities by using careless language to achieve a desired response on social media.

**4) Do you believe that Israel's role and location in the Middle East is a strategic asset to the United States? Why or why not.**

Absolutely. Israel is a strong, reliable and trusted ally of the United States and I am proud to stand with Israel in support of its sovereignty over its rightful territory, regions and people. The United States and Israel have a long history of mutual cooperation, alliance and trade, built on a strong foundation of shared Judeo-Christian values. Israelis and Americans share common beliefs of religious freedom, individual liberties, free enterprise, and democracy, all of which are strong core values that solidify our partnership in the region and on the world stage.

Even more important, Israel is a critical ally in the war on terrorism. Israel's enemies are our enemies. Hezbollah, Hamas and Iran all want to destroy Israel, and they all want to destroy America as well. Israel provides us with valuable intelligence against radical Islamic terror.

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As a supporter of Israel's sovereignty, I recognize Jerusalem as the historic, current and future capital of Israel. I greatly supported President Trump's action to formally recognize this fact by relocating the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, as it should have been done years ago. As Ohio's next Senator, I will always prioritize the U.S.-Israel relationship. Unlike President Biden and the Left who have spent more time trying to appease Iran than supporting Israel, I know the difference between our adversaries and our allies, and Israel is a close ally.

**5) On September 23, 2021, the United States House of Representatives voted 420-9, with two members voting present, to provide \$1 billion to Israel to replenish the Iron Dome missile defense system. If you were in Congress, how would you have voted and why?**

I would have absolutely voted in support of this life-saving funding. The Iron Dome is a critical defense system that helps Israel defend herself from hostile terrorist attacks, and it is shameful that leading Democrats used innocent Jewish lives as a political football in their anti-Semitic agenda. In the U.S. Senate, I will be an unapologetic defender of the U.S-Israeli alliance because a strong Israel is also a stronger America.

**6) Should the U.S. increase, maintain or decrease the amount of foreign aid to Israel and other countries in the Middle East? Should the U.S. condition its foreign aid based on specific results?**

I believe that we must preserve foreign aid that serves U.S. strategic interests of protecting America and our allies on the world stage, while reducing foreign aid that is being wasted on nation-building aspirations. As a fiscal conservative, I will vet every dime of taxpayer dollar carefully to ensure the American people are getting the best return on their investment, and endless money spent in foreign countries while American people at home suffer is not the answer.

However, I will remain steadfast in my support of foreign aid to Israel, including in support of military equipment, military technology, Iron Dome defense funding, and more, as a strong and prosperous Israel is crucial to a strong and prosperous America. I support the memorandum of understanding between the U.S. and Israel. I also strongly believe that no taxpayer dollars should go to countries that want to perpetuate evil on Israel and America, including state sponsors of terrorism, and vote against any efforts to aid these offenders.

**7) What is your view of the Abraham Accords, which has brought Arab countries including the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Morocco and Sudan into a warm peace with Israel? Do you believe there will be more peace in the Middle East? If so, what will it take?**

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As a result of President Trump's leadership, historic progress was made over the last four years to establish diplomatic and economic relationships with Israel throughout the Arab world. The Abraham Accords have served as a beacon of hope in the Middle East and around the world to show that normalized international relationships with Israel and peace is possible. This peace not just of security, but of mutual cooperation, culture, trade, tourism and transportation has been groundbreaking and has helped stabilize the Middle East and better protect Israel.

I believe the Abraham Accords were a symbolic fulfillment of God's covenant with Abraham and one of President Trump's greatest accomplishments that should be built upon. However, this can only be achieved if the United States acts as a power broker on the world stage, projects strength to our allies and our enemies, and stands full-throated in our unwavering support of Israel. In the Senate, I will seek to build on President Trump's historic achievement to bring further peace, stability and economic prosperity to the Middle East region.

## **8) Do you support a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?**

I support the two-state solution to bring lasting peace to the Middle East. However, the decision to end the Israeli-Palestinian dispute needs to come from both sides and so far, Palestinian political leaders have been unwilling to even negotiate. In order for peace to prosper, Palestine must first acknowledge Israel's sovereignty and unequivocal right to exist. Second, they must denounce terrorism. Lastly, Israel should never have to trade lands for peace!

I stand with Israel in their right to annex portions of the West Bank, which has been under Israeli control since 1967. As a U.S. Senator, I would support Israel by changing U.S. customs policy so products coming from the West Bank are now labeled as "Made in Israel". In addition, I stand with President's Trump's decision to recognize Israel's claim over the Golan Heights territory. I also support taking diplomatic actions against the terrorist organization Hamas that currently occupies the Gaza Strip and which has brought turmoil to the area by carrying out acts of terror inspired by shameful rhetoric on eradicating Israel.

## **9) Do you support or oppose a return to the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran? In your view, what is the role of "leverage" in these negotiations and is the U.S. using its leverage effectively?**

Iran wants a nuclear weapon to destroy our American way of life and our greatest partner and ally in the Middle East, Israel – and they should never be allowed to obtain nuclear capabilities. It is shameful that Joe Biden and the same politicians that oversaw the Biden/Obama foreign policy failures are caving to Iran, restarting negotiations with Tehran, and stripping back President Trump's effective sanctions on Iran. President Trump was rightly tough on Iran and I supported

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his decisions to tear up the corrupt and disastrous Iran deal, take out terrorist mastermind Qassam Soleimani to show Iran's terrorist activity would not be tolerated, and implement sanctions on Iran that helped the United States negotiate from a position of power. An Iran armed with nuclear weapons would pose an unacceptable danger to Israel and the United States, and as Ohio's next Senator, I will oppose any deal that caves to Iran. I'll make sure that our military has the resources it needs to project strength and fight terrorism, and I will always stand with our ally Israel against Iranian terrorism through their terrorist proxy, Hamas. As Senator, my foreign policy will be guided by the principle that strength deters wars, while weakness invites them.

You can read more about the dangers of re-entering the Iranian Nuclear Deal here in a recent opinion piece I wrote [here](#).

**Highlight the one answer you agree with most**

**10) Government entities should not have to do business with entities that engage in immoral practices or espouse values that are inconsistent with society's**

**Strongly agree** | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Other

**11) I support public efforts to divest from companies that engage in BDS**

**Strongly agree** | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Other

**12) Anti-Zionism is a form of antisemitism**

**Strongly agree** | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Other

**13) The United States should use all means available to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon**

**Strongly agree** | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Other