

2010 Congressional District 1 Candidate Questionnaire Responses

	Randy Demmer (R)	Allen Quist (R)
Do you support increasing the national public debt limit – HR 4314?	NO	NO
Do you support the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 – HR 5140?	YES	NO
Do you support Education as a state's responsibility?	YES	YES
Do you support counting non-citizens in the U.S. Census?	NO	NO
Do you support Union Card Check, which eliminates the use of a secret ballot?	NO	NO
Do you support implementing a Flat Tax?	**	**
Do you support American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 (Cap and Trade) – HR 2454?	NO	NO
Do you support that States be in charge of health care issues, not the Federal government?	**	YES
Do you support the Fair Tax and repealing the 16 th Amendment?	**	**
Do you support that Congress shall make no law that applies to the citizens of the United States that does not apply equally to the Senators or Representatives, and inversely that Congress shall make no law that applies to the Senators or Representatives that does not apply equally to the citizens of the United States?	YES	YES
Do you support eliminating any further Federal funding for either Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac?	**	YES
Do you support the United States pulling out of the United Nations?	NO	YES
Do you support Comprehensive Immigration Reform such as HR 4321 which would grant amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants?	**	NO
Do you believe in “man made” global warming?	NO	NO
Do you support requiring all bills and attached amendments be stand alone bills with a single purpose?	YES	YES
Do you support eliminating prevailing wage rate requirements (Davis-Bacon)?	YES	YES
Do you support enforcing the 10 th Amendment thus returning the Federal Government to the limited powers granted it in the U.S. Constitution?	YES	YES
Do you support eliminating the Department of Education?	NO	YES

**** Candidates did not feel they could provide a YES / NO response or provided a write-in response. If these issues are important to you, we encourage you to contact these candidates to learn their position on these issues.**

If elected, briefly describe two bills you consider a top priority, that you would author?

Randy Demmer:

I think that the problems facing our nation are greater and far more complex than any two pieces of legislation could solve. However, there are two principles on which I would base any decisions on specific proposals. First, does this legislation help limit or roll back irresponsible levels of government spending, or does it add to our already unsustainable debt burden? Second, would it enable private sector economic development and job growth, or does it expand the intervention and control of government into even more aspects of our lives and businesses? I would argue that we need a representative in Washington that is a true fiscal conservative, who will keep government focused on core responsibilities, and make the tough long-term decisions, not the politically expedient ones.

Our primary goal needs to be getting our economy back on track. I would focus my efforts on creating a stable financial and regulatory environment that doesn't burden businesses and families, but encourages investment, rewards innovation, and supports new ideas. Government shouldn't be in the business of creating jobs or trying to replicate efforts made in the private sector. Recent legislation dealing with health care reform, financial and industry bailouts, and cap and trade would not get my support because it adds further liabilities to our already overextended budget and takes the federal government far beyond the role provided for in the Constitution.

Allen Quist:

Several of the bills I would introduce include:

- A bill to amend the Constitution to require Congress to adopt a balanced budget. The language would be similar to that found in the Constitution of many states including Minnesota.
- A bill to limit the scope of the authority of the Supreme Court in certain ways. For example, in Kelo the Court said that eminent domain could be used by government to take private property for the advantage of other private individuals. Congress, however can correct this abuse of power by the Supreme Court by removing the Court's jurisdiction to rule in such cases.
- I would also submit a bill to require a super-majority to raise taxes.
- I would submit a proposed Constitutional Amendment to correct the many ways Congress and the Courts have abused the Tenth Amendment. We absolutely must shrink the federal government back to what it was created by the Constitution to be if we really intend to correct the overspending problem that is bankrupting our country.
- I would additionally submit a bill to eliminate earmarks.