

US Representative - PA 6th

Candidate Reviews for State and National Elections in 2020

Summary Page

Responsibilities of the Office

There are 435 Representatives in the US House of Representatives, 18 from PA (9 Republicans and 9 Democrats). The House has responsibility to initiative legislation, with sole responsibility for initiating tax legislation, and along with the Senate has the power and responsibility to provide for the general welfare of the country.



Chrissy Houlihan - Incumbent
Democratic Candidate
www.chrissyhoulihanforcongress.com/
Devon, PA



John Emmons
Republican Candidate
www.emmonsforcongress.com/
West Grove, PA

Overall Qualifications Ratings *

4.0

2.5

Note: See Ratings Detail page for the Category Ratings and Reasons for those Ratings

* Ratings are from 1 to 5, with 1 being lowest and 5 being highest. Overall is the average of the other three.

Summary Education and Experience

Attended, Urban Education, Graduate School of Education, U of P, 2010-2012
MS, Technology and Policy, MIT, 1992-1994
BS, Industrial Engineering, Stanford University, 1985-1989

Incumbent US Representative for PA 6th District
Founder/Chief Operating Officer, B-Lab
Fmr. Chemistry Teacher - Teach for America/Simon Gratz HS/Charter Schools
President/Chief Operating Officer, Springboard Collaborative, 2012-2016

Chemical Engineering, University of New York at Buffalo

No political experience
Director Operations, Interface Performance Materials, Lydall, 2015-present
Former Plant Manager/Chemical Engineer, Armstrong World Industries
Former Director of Operations, Mannington Mills

Note: See Information Detail page for additional information of each candidate

US Representative - PA 6th

Candidate Reviews for State and National Elections in 2020 Category Ratings and Reasons for those Ratings



Chrissy Houlihan - Incumbent
Democratic Candidate



John Emmons
Republican Candidate

Overall (average of below)

4.0	2.5
-----	-----

Integrity, Honesty and Transparency Rating

4.5	4.5
I have followed Chrissy during her two year's in Congress, including attending several Town Hall Meetings. She has always been honest and transparent about the work she is doing and what she wants to accomplish in Congress and for the country.	A friend of mine worked with John and spoke highly of John's integrity and work ethic.

Skills and Experience Rating

3.5	1.5
Chrissy's skills, education and experience have prepared her for serving the country through a government leadership role.	John's skills, education and experience are very limited and do not indicate a strong foundation for serving the country.

Balanced Solutions Rating

4.0	1.5
Chrissy advocates for bipartisanship and has worked on bipartisan committees and with bipartisan groups to consider all perspectives on issues and accomplish solutions for all. *	Although difficult to confirm without a history of personal government actions, John's intensity regarding his conservative views and lack of advocacy for bipartisanship, lead me to conclude that he would be inclined to fight for his beliefs over seeking broad solutions for all.

* Chrissy, along with Mike Gallagher (Republican Representative from Wisconsin), co-wrote the forward to what I believe is a great book on politics ("The Politics Industry", written by Katherine Gehl and Michael Porter) where Chrissy and Mike talk about service to country over politics and the need for change to our political system as outlined in the book.

Definition for each Rating Category:

Overall - average of the below three ratings

Integrity, Honesty and Transparency: Candidate has integrity, is honest and will be transparent

Skills and Experience: Candidate has the skills and experience required for the role

Balanced Solutions: Candidate will evaluate all liberal and conservative perspectives and reach balanced solutions in the public interest

Note: Ratings range from 0 (lowest) to 5 (highest).

US Representative - PA 6th

Candidate Reviews for State and National Elections in 2020

Information Detail

Responsibilities of the Office

There are 435 Representatives in the US House of Representatives, 18 from PA (9 Republicans and 9 Democrats). The House has responsibility to initiative legislation, with sole responsibility for initiating tax legislation, and along with the Senate has the power and responsibility to provide for the general welfare of the country.



Chrissy Houlihan - Incumbent
Democratic Candidate
www.chrissyhoulihanforcongress.com/
Devon, PA



John Emmons
Republican Candidate
www.emmonsforcongress.com/
West Grove, PA

Education and Experience

Attended Graduate School of Education, U of P, for Urban Education, 2010-2012
MS, Technology and Policy, MIT, 1992-1994
BS, Industrial Engineering, Stanford University, 1985-1989

Incumbent US Representative for PA 6th District
Founder/Chief Operating Officer, B-Lab
Fmr. Chemistry Teacher - Teach for America/Simon Gratz HS/Charter Schools
President/Chief Operating Officer, Springboard Collaborative, 2012-2016
Chemistry Teacher, Mastery Charter Schools, 2011-2012
Vice President, Operations and Business Services, B Corporation, 2008-2010
Executive Vice President of Retail, AND1, 2004-2005
Chief Operating Officer, AND1, 2000-2005
Director of Distribution and Information Systems, AND1, 1996-2000
Captain, United States Air Force Reserve, 1991-2004
Industrial Engineer, Alphatech, 1995
Research Assistant, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1992-1994
Served, United States Air Force, 1989-1991
Incumbent US Representative for PA 6th District

Chemical Engineering, University of New York at Buffalo

No political experience
Director Operations, Interface Performance Materials, Lydall, 2015-present
Former Plant Manager/Chemical Engineer, Armstrong World Industries
Former Director of Operations, Mannington Mills
Deacon, Bellevue Presbyterian Church, present

Positions on Issues and Approaches to Them

Chrissy is liberal in her positions on issues, but not progressive.

Chrissy advocates for bipartisanship and has worked on bipartisan committees and with bipartisan groups to consider all perspectives on issues and accomplish solutions for all.

John is conservative in his positions of issues, but not alt right.

Although difficult to confirm without a history of personal government actions, John's intensity regarding his conservative views and lack of advocacy for bipartisanship, lead me to conclude that he would be inclined to fight for his beliefs over seeking broad solutions for all.