

DISTRICT 5



Ilhan Omar
DEMOCRAT



Jennifer Zielinski
REPUBLICAN

She opposes Trump and once called him [#RacistInChief](#) on Twitter.

ON PRESIDENT TRUMP

She has supported some of the president's policies, but said she [won't be a "rubber stamp"](#) for Trump.

Omar [wants to ban assault weapons](#) and high-capacity magazines, and she supports universal background checks and increased mental health services.

GUN CONTROL

Zielinski [told the Star Tribune](#) she supports current gun laws.

She says she supports a "Medicare for All, single-payer health care system to guarantee quality healthcare for all Americans." Omar also wants to crack down on pharmaceutical companies by shortening prescription drugs' patent life, requiring drug pricing transparency, as well as allowing prescription drugs to be imported from Canada and letting Medicare negotiate drug prices.

HEALTH CARE

She wants to "fix the problems with affordability and effectiveness" of health care, but [told the Star Tribune](#) she wouldn't vote to repeal the Affordable Care Act unless there was a better plan to take its place.

Omar [supports](#) federal funds for universal pre-K programs nationwide and affordable child care for "working families" with kids under 13 years old.

K-12 EDUCATION PRIORITIES

Zielinski [wants to ensure public funding](#) on education "is going to impact our kids in the classroom not growing administrative budgets." She says people should have "true choice" in education.

Omar wants [tuition- and debt-free education](#) for all students at two- and four-year public institutions. She also wants to "cancel" existing student loan debt.

HIGHER EDUCATION

The candidate appears to have no public position. MPR News has reached out for comment.

Omar [wants to abolish Immigration and Customs Enforcement \(ICE\)](#), create a pathway to legal status for all undocumented people and Dreamers, and expand the refugee and asylum-seeker program.

IMMIGRATION

Zielinski supports "[enforcing the laws on the books](#)."

Omar says all women should have “access to a safe, affordable abortion.”

ABORTION

The candidate appears to have no public position. MPR News has reached out for comment.

Omar wants to raise the U.S. minimum wage to \$15 an hour and pass stronger wage theft laws. She wants the government to help fund worker-owned cooperatives and a federal jobs guarantee program. Omar also wants to reinstate the law separating commercial and investment banking while breaking up “too-big-to-fail” banks.

JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

She supports the current economic policy led by Republicans: “Americans’ 401Ks are going up, we have more take home pay, consumer confidence is up ... I say things are going well.”

She supports legislation to make the U.S. use all renewable energy by 2035. She also says people most affected by climate change “must be centered in our policies: communities of color and Indigenous populations, along with workers who would be out of employment from a divestment from the fossil fuel industry.”

CLIMATE CHANGE

“I believe in climate has the ability to change as it has done since the earth was formed, but the U.S. should not rejoin Paris climate accords,” she told WCCO.

She opposes the PolyMet and Twin Metals proposed copper-nickel mining plans.

COPPER-NICKEL MINING

The candidate appears to have no public position. MPR News has reached out for comment.

Omar wants to repeal Republican tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans and raise their taxes instead. She also wants to repeal tax breaks for fossil-fuel companies and increase the estate tax. Among the programs she wants the government to fund more is the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund. She wants to cut funding for the military.

TAXES AND GOVERNMENT SPENDING

Zielinski supports the Republican tax plan and wants to keep taxes low. “When you put more money in people’s paychecks and allow our businesses to invest more in their business instead of paying higher taxes, everyone wins.”

Omar wants recreational marijuana for the entire U.S. and to expunge records of people convicted of cannabis-related offenses.

MARIJUANA

She wants to “allow states to legalize and decriminalize” marijuana.