

## 2018 GLI Congressional Candidate Survey

### Vickie Yates Glisson (R)

**Tax Reform:** In July of this year, the Committee on Ways and Means in the U.S. House released a [framework](#) for the next round of federal tax reform. As a member of the 116th Congress, what would be your top priorities for changes to the federal tax code?

- *I'll always support cutting taxes and promoting fiscal responsibility in government. When I was Secretary of CHFS, I saved Kentucky \$30 million by streamlining and reforming our programs. I am thrilled with the positive results and economic growth we're seeing from the recent tax cuts, and believe that growth is an even greater motivation and reason for Congress to continue cutting taxes. I am encouraged by Congress' recent efforts to build upon last year's tax reforms, and look forward to joining them in Washington to bring even more economic relief to Kentucky families.*

**International Trade:** In general, do you support or oppose the new tariffs imposed by the Trump administration?

- *When it comes to the issue of fair trade, I think we need to re-examine all of our trade agreements to ensure our country isn't at an economic disadvantage. While I agree with the administration's intention to hold other countries accountable for cheating, and I am aware that the tariffs on aluminum and steel have been a relief for those industries, I do have concerns about the negative and retaliatory effects on Kentucky and Louisville's other industries. As a farmer myself with soybean crops, I know firsthand how much impact tariffs can have. My personal experience gives me a unique perspective on the impact of trade policy on Kentucky businesses and farmers, and the third district needs someone in Congress who understands exactly how these decisions affect us here at home.*

**Immigration:** Would you support or oppose legislation authorizing DACA recipients and DACA-eligible individuals to permanently and legally live and work in the United States? Why or why not?

- *I believe we need comprehensive immigration reform. Without question, we must enforce our nation's laws, but I think we can and should do it in a compassionate way. I am supportive of finding a pathway to citizenship or legal status for the current DACA population, as I do not believe that punishing people simply for being children of illegal immigrants is the answer. In terms of how we make that happen, I am open to considering a variety of solutions and will keep an open mind, as we will never solve this issue unless we have true bipartisan cooperation. Lastly, I support more legal immigration. We can and should make it easier for our businesses to hire the temporary workers they need as well as returning workers, which is why I am supportive of efforts to streamline the H2A and H2B visa programs.*

**Infrastructure:** Do you support increasing the federal motor vehicle fuel user fee, or gas tax, as a means to increase funding for infrastructure projects in the United States?

- *One of my key priorities in running for Congress is addressing our crumbling infrastructure and committing to be an engaged advocate for Louisville's infrastructure needs. Funding is absolutely crucial, however I believe we must consider solutions that don't include imposing another tax on hardworking Kentucky families. First and foremost, members of Congress must be better stewards of our tax dollars and cut back on wasteful spending. There have been several bipartisan legislative proposals introduced to bring back American dollars from overseas and direct that money to the Highway Transportation Fund, through unspent foreign aid, for example, and I would be supportive of such efforts in Congress.*

**Healthcare:** Do you support the repeal of the Affordable Care Act? If so, what would you want to replace it with? If not, what changes would you seek to make to the ACA?

- *I appreciate Congress' efforts to try and fix the mess our current Congressman created when he drafted the Affordable Care Act, and I'm running for office so I can bring my healthcare experience to the table and join them as we continue to address the problems. While they have made some headway, I certainly think parts of the employer mandate should have been addressed. My priorities for fixing our healthcare system are rooted in the belief that Kentuckians deserve lower costs, more freedom, and better access. We can start to do that through implementing policies to (1) promote transparency in drug pricing, (2) allow for greater flexibility in selecting benefits and coverage so families can choose the best plan that fits their specific needs, and (3) expanding Health Savings Accounts in size, by raising the cap, as well as in definition, by allowing individuals to use their pre-tax dollars for a wider variety of health-related costs such as gym memberships and their health insurance premiums.*

**Environment:** Do you support or oppose the Trump administration's Affordable Clean Energy Rule and what role do you think Congress should play in regulating greenhouse gas emissions?

- *I support an all of the above energy strategy, which is why I'm pleased with the current administration's efforts to cut unnecessary regulations that stand in the way of keeping Kentucky competitive and attractive to businesses. I don't believe it is government's role to pick winners and losers in any industry. We must find a balance when it comes to environmental regulations – we can and should have laws in place to ensure health and safety, clean air and clean water, and we also should allow for greater domestic energy production. Those two ideas are not mutually exclusive and shouldn't be.*

**Net Neutrality:** Should Congress pass a comprehensive net neutrality bill or should oversight of the internet be left to the FCC and the states? If you support passage of comprehensive legislation by Congress, what measures would you like to see in a net neutrality bill?

- *While I believe the Internet is a great example of the free market at work, and I am a strong proponent of less government regulation, I do recognize the concerns of net neutrality supporters in seeking an equal playing field. Regardless of whether this issue is addressed by comprehensive legislation or amending FCC rules, I believe that any efforts by Congress on this issue need to include consideration of how we can increase transparency and protect consumer privacy.*

**Banking:** Do you agree or disagree with the changes made to Dodd-Frank by the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act passed by Congress in May 2018?

- *I support the changes made to Dodd-Frank, particularly the provisions to provide regulatory relief to so many of our smaller financial institutions and establish stronger consumer protections. Rather than focusing time and resources on jumping through bureaucratic hurdles and red tape, community bank and credit unions can spend more time actually serving their customers and have the opportunity to economically grow and succeed. Many of Kentucky's small businesses, entrepreneurs, and prospective homeowners depend on local financial institutions' credit lending and mortgage financing services, and the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act made positive changes to allow our communities here to thrive.*