

2018 GLI Congressional Candidate Survey

Rep. Trey Hollingsworth (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 was pleased that the House passed "Tax Reform 2.0" in September. This legislation made the individual tax cuts permanent, encouraged savings, and enhanced deductions for new small businesses. I am a tireless advocate for our nation's small businesses and for families to keep more of their hard-earned paychecks. Without permanence, pass-through businesses will be at a disadvantage compared to corporations. Without permanence, families will face increases in taxes pinching their pursuit of their American Dream. There is no better investment government can make than giving Americans their own money to pursue their own bright futures.*

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

- *Unfair trade practices have been in effect for decades with politicians either ignoring the issue or failing to fix it. I have continuously heard from businesses that have had their intellectual property ripped off; I have sat down at manufacturing firms that have been decimated by Chinese dumping into the our markets. We must ensure all our trading partners are playing by the same rules we are, and we must ensure that the American worker and American competitiveness are foremost in every trade deal in which we enter.*

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?

- *Border security absolutely must be the first priority when discussing immigration. Without first securing the border, we will be faced with the DACA debate every*

generation. We deserve a government that seeks and implements solutions to the big problems, not just piecemeal governance.

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?

- *I am a big supporter of investments in infrastructure and other enhancements to American productivity including education. We need government investment to ensure businesses can ship across the country affordably and Americans can move about the country safely. There are locks in need of replacement, roads in need of expansion, and runways in need of extension. Before we entertain how an infrastructure plan is funded, we need to ensure it is focused on growing our Midwest economy, not on politician's pet priorities. Hoosier taxpayers are tired of picking up the tab for bridges to nowhere and other politicians' waste of tax dollars; we need a comprehensive infrastructure investment in the Midwest economy helping businesses grow, hire, and invest right here in Indiana.*

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?

- *While liberal politicians want a total government takeover of health care that costs over \$32 trillion, I believe we need to drive more competition into the insurance market to push down prices and improve access to care. More Americans should have choices, and businesses should be competing to deliver Americans the best care at the lowest prices. Families know their health best and are best suited to make decisions for their health; we cannot put people's health in the hands of bureaucrats. I have supported legislation for patients to purchase plans across state lines, more transparency in pricing, fewer restrictions on employee and association health plans, and repealing taxes on medical device manufacturers.*

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 believe that we should empower American innovation to find solutions and enable American consumers to decide their best energy. Americans shouldn't be compelled to heat their homes at higher prices because of government regulations; at the same time, we shouldn't be putting more red-tape on businesses, taking dollars away from research and development and putting them towards expensive, unnecessary compliance. I continue to hear from firms developing cutting-edge energy technology that are being stifled by the regulatory burden out of Washington leading to higher prices for consumers and fewer jobs for employees.*

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?

- *I believe in people's access to a free, open internet. Internet access has become a necessity for Americans looking for jobs or Hoosier kids improving their education. We need an internet that is an open platform but also high-speed internet in rural areas that empower rural America's future.*

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?

- *The passage of Dodd-Frank forced thousands of community banks shut their doors, effectively closing the door on many Americans with dreams of starting their own small business. Access to capital is key to a growing, robust economy, and I will continue to remove unnecessary regulations and red tape imposed by an overzealous government in order to help Hoosier businesses start, grow, expand, and hire. Much of America has been deprived of good mortgages, business capital, and bright financial futures because of Washington's failure to hold bureaucrats accountable.*