- 1. If elected to the Senate, what measures would you take to combat anti-Semitism?
 - 1. Will you support the <u>Antisemitism Awareness Act (HR 6090)</u> "To provide for the consideration of a definition of antisemitism set forth by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance for the enforcement of Federal antidiscrimination laws concerning education programs or activities, and for other purposes?" Why or why not?

I would support the Antisemitism Awareness Act. The rise in antisemitism is deeply alarming. I believe we must do everything we can to reverse this disturbing trend, and every American has a responsibility to confront hate whenever we see it.

2. Will you support the <u>PROTECT Jewish Student and Faculty Act (HR7478)</u>? "To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education, as a condition of participation in programs under title IV of such Act, to include a prohibition of antisemitic conduct in all documents relating to student or employee conduct." Why or why not?

I am troubled by the dramatic rise of antisemitism on college campuses. Especially as the mother of a college student, I believe that every student deserves to feel safe and secure in their place of learning. Antisemitism and hate speech of any kind have no place on a college campus. I am also a believer in the importance of our First Amendment rights, so we must protect free speech at the same time that we call out hate speech and antisemitism wherever it rears its ugly head.

3. Will you support the <u>Stop Anti-Semitism on College Campuses Act (HR3773)</u> "To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prohibit institutions of higher education that authorize Anti-Semitic events on campus from participating in the student loan and grant programs under title IV of such Act?" Why or why not?

I am troubled by the dramatic rise of antisemitism on college campuses. I believe we should utilize all tools available to combat antisemitism, and would be interested in working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to determine ways we can encourage campus leadership to do more to protect religious and ethnic minority groups.

4. What other measures would you take to combat antisemitism?

I fully support the Biden administration's comprehensive plan to combat antisemitism including their enthusiastic embrace of the IHRA definition of antisemitism. I have met with the leadership of the American Jewish Committee to learn more about the work that they are doing to combat anti-semitism and I stand with them in their efforts. I have been in regular

contact with leaders like Senator Ben Cardin about efforts in the Senate to combat antisemitism and how I can amplify that work. Senator Cardin and I recently held a roundtable discussion in Pikesville on the rise of antisemitism, and I look forward to engaging in future discussions across Maryland.

2. What is the role of the U.S. government in the ongoing war between Israel and Hamas?

What happened on October 7th was a gutting tragedy. Ten months have passed and we mustn't lose sight of that fact. We must eliminate the threat of Hamas. The United States must work with our Democratic ally to ensure the safe return of the hostages and get to a ceasefire. I also believe we need to do everything in our power to ensure that the humanitarian criss in Gaza is being addressed, that aid is arriving, and that our ally is doing everything in its power to ensure the flow of aid to innocent civilians. I stand with the Biden Administration in their efforts to push Hamas to accept the current ceasefire deal so we don't lose any more innocent lives, and believe that we have a responsibility to help ensure that we can move towards a two-state solution where both Israelis and Palestentians can live in peace and security.

Support for Israel has long been bipartisan. I believe individuals across the political spectrum have a duty to maintain this bipartisan support, and I am troubled by the rhetoric by some at the extremes to try and use this as a political wedge issue.

1. Do you support attaching conditions to, or otherwise restricting US aid to Israel?

I believe that Israel has a right to defend itself. Prime Minister Netanyahu must do everything in his power to address the current humanitarian crisis and increase the flow of aid into Gaza, and he must do so with haste and urgency.

2. Do you support US military assistance to Israel including the additional assistance pledged by President Biden and do you support Israel's ongoing military operations in Gaza?

I believe that Israel has a right to defend itself, and I stand with Israel and the Jewish people in demanding that all of the hostages be returned. I believe the United States has an obligation to do everything it can to help bring the war to an end, and I stand with the Biden Administration in their efforts to push Hamas to accept the current ceasefire deal so we don't lose any more innocent lives.

3. Will you support the Solidify Iran Sanctions Act of 2023 (HR3033) "To repeal the sunset provision of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996, and for other purposes?" Do you believe the US is doing enough to challenge Iran's export of terrorism, antisemitism, and antiAmericanism? What other measures can the USA undertake to oppose Iran's extremists?

We have seen over the last few months the danger that Iran poses to Americans abroad and our allies. We have seen the havoc that an aggressive Iran can bring across the Middle East, and I believe the United States must continue to stand with our allies to ensure that we can continue to contain an increasingly belligerent Iran.

4. Will you support the <u>Combating BDS Act of 2023 (S1637)</u> "To provide for nonpreemption of measures by State and local governments to divest from entities that engage in certain boycott, divestment, or sanctions activities targeting Israel or persons doing business in Israel or Israeli-controlled territories, and for other purposes?" Why or why not?

I believe the BDS movement is dangerous and would speak out on the efforts by states and local governments to engage in BDS-supportive activities.

I confirm that the responses provided here are my official positions in seeking an elected position in the US Congress/ US Senate and I understand that HoCoJAG reserves the right to share my responses, or my decision not to respond, with interested parties.

Signature: Angela Alsobrooks	Date:	July 23, 2024	
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