

Thank you, to the 330 individuals who participated in my survey. Your opinions mean a great deal to me and help me serve the constituents of the 1st District better. The survey covered topics like border security, abortion and healthcare. I have reviewed the answers each participant left and I am going to break down those results for you.

Border Security

The following questions concern the security of the U.S./ Mexico border.

Do you believe the United States should have a border wall with Mexico? Yes or No?

A majority of you, *61 percent*, believe the U.S. does need a border wall with Mexico and only *36 percent* believe we do not. Only *three percent* of those who participated in the survey decided to opt-out of this question.

Do you believe funding for the border wall should be in the Omnibus?

As many of you know, the Omnibus does not include funding for the border wall.

However, the bill does include the largest increase of border security technologies and infrastructure improvement in more than a decade. The bill increases funding to the Department of Homeland Security to advance programs like aviation security, border and immigration enforcement, customs activities, protection against cyberterrorism, response to natural disasters, and finally, to stop the smuggling of drugs and people into the U.S.

All this said, *48 percent* of you believe that taxpayers should pay for the border wall, *35 percent* believe that there is a better way to fund the border wall, and only *11 percent* believe that the border is secure.

Finally, 117 individuals gave their personal opinion on where the money should come from to build a border wall other than from

taxpayer dollars. Answers ranged from using seized drug money to taxing imports from Mexico.

Abortion

From a funding perspective, how do you think the U.S. should treat abortion clinics?

There were three answers people were able to select when answering this question. The first, states should decide whether taxpayer funds should be allowed to fund abortions second, that the federal funds should be appropriated to women's clinics that do not perform abortion services, and finally, tax-payer money should be used to fund abortions.

A majority of those who answered this question, *52 percent* to be exact, believe that the government should fund women's clinics that do not perform abortions. Only *26 percent* believe that states should be free to choose whether abortions should be funded by state taxpayer dollars. Finally, *15 percent* believe abortions should continue to be funded by federal taxpayer dollars.

The new healthcare proposal would actually do exactly what a majority of you believe is the best possible answer. Under the *American Health Care Act*, women's clinics that do not perform abortions would be federally funded by taxpayer dollar

Healthcare

I asked the following two questions in regards to the *American Health Care Act* and also prompted those to address their concerns with the proposed amendments for the AHCA.

When you heard Representative Rick Crawford was against the original version of the *American Health Care Act*, were you supportive?

For those of you who subscribe to my newsletter, *Food for Thought*, you received a personal thank you from me for your support and encouragement when the original version of the AHCA was introduced.

Seventy-seven percent of you believe that voting “no” on the original text was the right thing to do. Only *16 percent* believe that the original version of the AHCA sufficed.

Have your opinions changed on the American Health Care Act (AHCA) since new amendments have been introduced?

Only *42 percent* do not believe the proposed amendments will address the issues we are faced with because of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). People were then split between supporting the AHCA and the ACA. About *24 percent* of people who answered this question now support the AHCA, leaving *22 percent* of people who still support the ACA.

Individuals were also given the chance to express their specific concerns with healthcare reform. Some of their concerns include government involvement in the healthcare system, rising premiums, no coverage for pre-existing conditions and those in high-risk pools.

Many of you have read about the McArthur Amendment and I understand many of the above concerns stem from this amendment. For those of you who have not heard of the proposed amendment I will go into brief detail.

The McArthur Amendment would prohibit insurance companies from denying those with pre-existing medical conditions, elderly, and an individual based on their gender from receiving health insurance. The proposed amendment will also allow states to seek a limited waiver, which would allow for them to bypass the previously listed community rating rules if they can prove that it will lower premiums within their state. Thus, giving state governments more rights when it comes to healthcare.

Again, I appreciate each of those individuals who participated in my survey. I greatly appreciate your input and opinion.