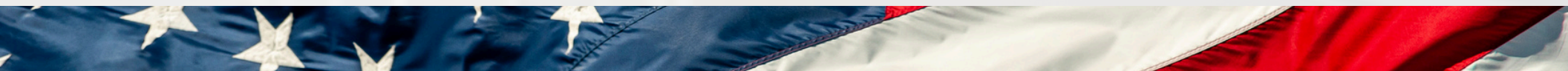




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# 2024 ELECTIONS MEMO



# INTRODUCTION

With the nation drawing closer to Election Day, the Presidential contest understandably continues to be front of mind and receive the lion's share of national press. And while the race between Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump could not be more important for the future of our country – from how we build a resilient, opportunity-based economy to the fate of reproductive rights – the hundreds of other races happening at the federal, state, and local levels are critical for securing American freedoms and ushering in a new wave of progress.

The NewDEAL is following races at every level closely, tracking a number of opportunities for Democrats to make significant gains, including:

- Winning open governor seats in New Hampshire (currently under GOP control across state government) and North Carolina (where Republicans have long held legislative power);
- Flipping a state legislative chamber in New Hampshire, picking up key seats in the Arizona state legislature, and making significant gains in the Montana legislature thanks to recent redistricting;
- Watching NewDEAL Leaders in seven races for Congress, including key swing districts that will be key to helping Democrats regain House majority, and two U.S. Senate seats that could help Democrats maintain their majority.

In addition, voters across the nation will be asked to make decisions on key topics like a woman's right to choose, ranked choice voting, and paid sick leave through various ballot measures.

The NewDEAL has compiled this 2024 Elections Memo to provide an overview of the most important things to watch around the country on Election Night. We provide a guide to the key state legislative races, governors' seats, and ballot measures. We also highlight the dozens of re-election campaigns of NewDEAL Leaders we'll be keeping an eye on November 5th.

The NewDEAL will be providing up-to-date coverage on these races on Election Night. To follow our coverage, visit our **[2024 Elections Headquarters](#)**.

# CONGRESSIONAL RACES

While the Presidential race will come down to key battleground states including **Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Nevada, Arizona, Georgia, and North Carolina**, the battle for control of the U.S. House and Senate will take place in states across the country. NewDEAL Leaders and alumni are running in races for Senate in Arizona and Maryland, and in 7 House races. See below for candidate details and check out the [New Democrat Coalition Action Fund](#) for more info on key House races.



**Angela Alsobrooks**  
NewDEAL Leader  
Running for U.S. Senate  
(MD)

**LIKELY DEM.**



**Ruben Gallego**  
NewDEAL Alum  
Running for U.S. Senate  
(AZ)

**LEAN DEM.**



**Meghan Barry**  
NewDEAL Alum  
Running for U.S. House  
(TN-07)

**SAFE REP.**



**Janelle Bynum**  
NewDEAL Leader  
Running for U.S. House  
(OR-05)

**TOSS UP**



**Sarah Elfreth**  
NewDEAL Leader  
Running for U.S. House  
(MD-03)

**SAFE DEM.**



**Adam Gray**  
NewDEAL Alum  
Running for U.S. House  
(CA-13)

**TOSS UP**



**Sam Liccardo**  
NewDEAL Alum  
Running for U.S. House  
(CA-16)

**SAFE DEM.**



**Sarah McBride**  
NewDEAL Leader  
Running for U.S. House  
(DE-AL)

**SAFE DEM.**



**Kristen McDonald Rivet**  
NewDEAL Leader  
Running for U.S. House  
(MI-08)

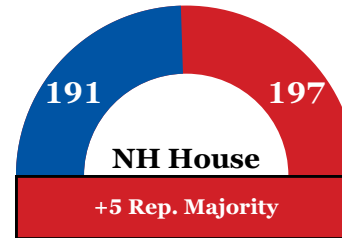
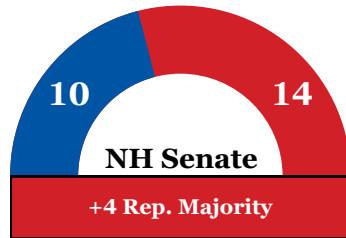
**TOSS UP**

# STATE LEGISLATURES

Currently, the GOP controls 29 state legislatures, while the Democrats control 20 legislatures. Pennsylvania is the only state in the country where legislative control is split with Republicans in control of the State Senate and Democrats holding the majority in the House. Here are states we are keeping an eye on:

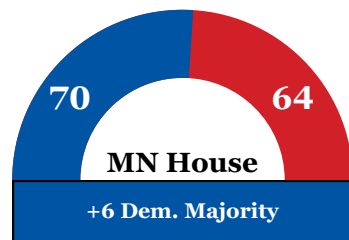
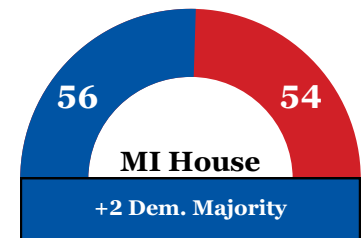
## DEMOCRATS FLIPPING A CHAMBER

**New Hampshire:** Republicans currently hold a trifecta, and Democrats are aiming to break it. Democrats are primarily focused on the House, where Republicans earned a surprise majority in 2020, and are holding onto a slim majority (197-191-1, with 11 vacancies) in the largest state legislative body in the country.



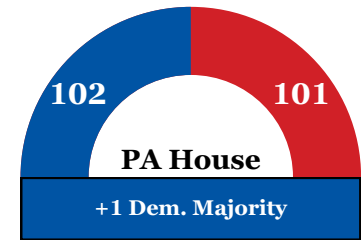
## DEMOCRATS HOLDING POWER

**Michigan House:** Thanks to their massive win in 2022, which **also** granted Democrats a trifecta in the Great Lakes State, Democrats hold a 56-54 advantage in the state House, which Republicans will try to break this cycle. The Senate is not up for election this year.



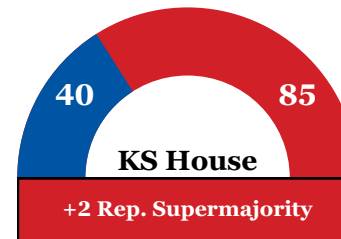
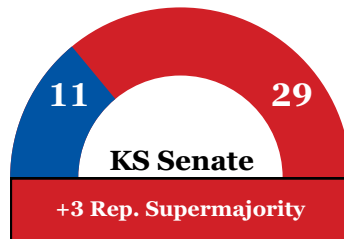
**Minnesota House:** Democrats won a trifecta in 2022, but it's a narrow one. The Senate is not up for re-election this year. Democrats control the state House 70 to 64, and all seats are up this year. The chamber will likely be decided by close contests in about 10 House districts.

**Pennsylvania House:** Democrats hold the House by one seat and Republicans hold the Senate by six seats. Republicans are modestly favored to hold the Senate, and there are roughly a dozen competitive House districts in play. The House is a toss-up this year.

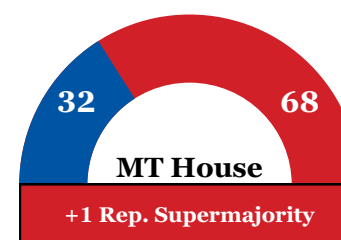
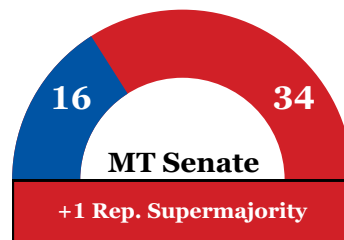


## DEMOCRATS BREAKING/PREVENTING SUPERMAJORITIES

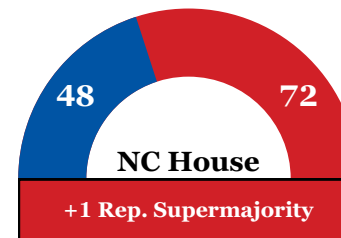
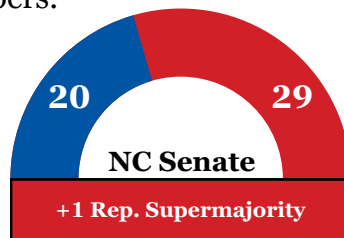
**Kansas:** Democrats need to gain 2 seats in the House and 3 in the Senate to prevent the current supermajority from returning in the next legislative cycle.



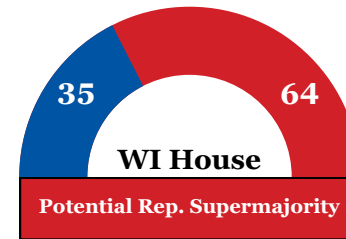
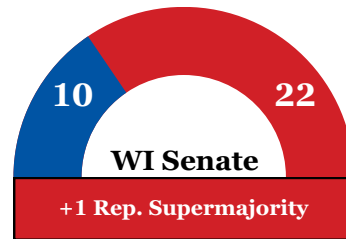
**Montana:** Democrats pose a serious threat this year to Montana's Republican supermajority in both the House and Senate due to redistricting that is less favorable to the GOP. Here's a look at the current breakdown:



**North Carolina:** Democrats want to stop further GOP gains and potentially flip seats to break the state's current supermajority in both chambers.

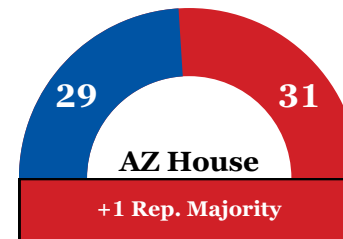
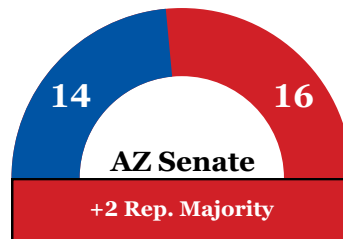


**Wisconsin:** Democrats must defend all of their current seats to prevent a Republican supermajority in the House. The GOP presently holds a supermajority in the Senate.

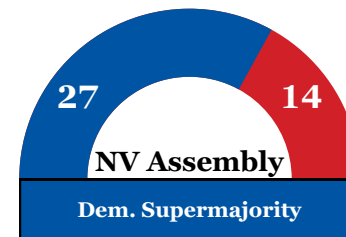
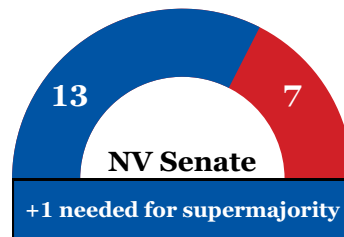


## DEMOCRATS PICKING UP SEATS/SUPERMAJORITY

**Arizona:** The state currently has a Democratic governor, but both legislative chambers are controlled by Republicans. Democrats are targeting pickups in five districts around Maricopa County and at least three more in rural and southern Arizona.



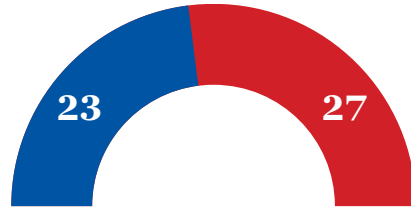
**Nevada:** Nevada Democrats currently hold an exact supermajority in the Assembly and could secure one in the Senate this year by gaining 1 seat.



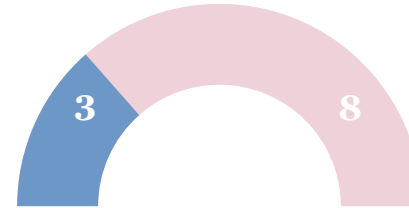
# GOVERNOR

Currently, there are 27 Republican governors and 23 Democratic governors. Eleven states have gubernatorial elections this year.

**Current Breakdown of All Governors**

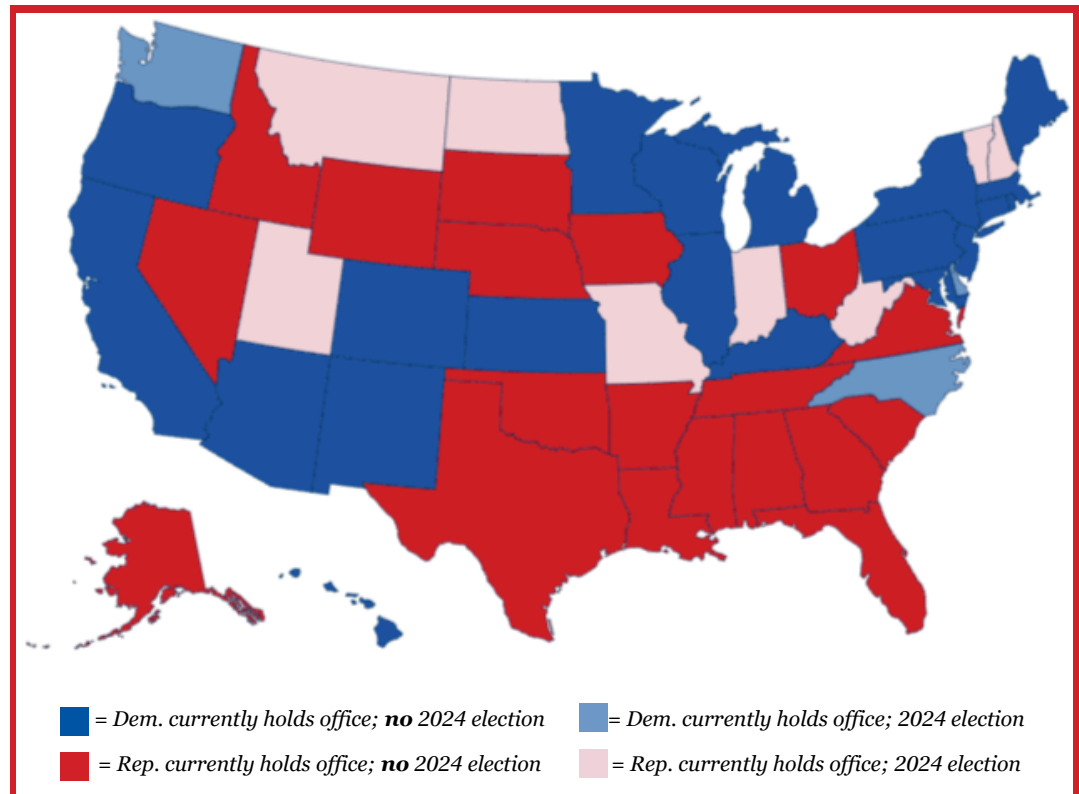


**Breakdown of Seats up for Election in 2024**



Democrats are competitive in four of the eleven races:

**New Hampshire (OPEN):** Former GOP Sen. Kelly Ayotte faces off against former **Manchester Mayor and NewDEALer Joyce Craig** in what *Cook Political Report* [has listed](#) as the only “toss-up” race in the country. Reproductive rights is shaping up to be a key issue in the race, as New Hampshire is the only state in New England without statutory protections for abortion rights in state law or in the state constitution.



**North Carolina (OPEN):** The Democratic nominee, **Attorney General and NewDEALER Josh Stein**, is looking to succeed Roy Cooper, a fellow center-left politician. The race was initially expected to be close, but Stein has held a steady lead in the polls. Republican candidate Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson faces scandal over an [investigative report](#) that found disturbing, inflammatory comments he had made online, such as “expressing support for reinstating slavery.” *Cook Political Report* rates the race as “Likely Dem.”

**Washington (OPEN):** Democrat Bob Ferguson, the state’s attorney general, is currently leading former King County sheriff and GOP Rep. Dave Reichert in the race for governor. The race is rated as “Likely Dem” by *Cook Political Report*.

**Delaware (OPEN):** After winning what had been considered a competitive primary with 47% in a three-way race, **NewDEAL Leader New Castle County Executive Matt Meyer** is widely expected to win election and succeed Governor John Carney who is termed out after serving two terms.

Three NewDEALers are running for governor this year:



**Joyce Craig**  
NewDEAL Alum  
Running for NH Governor

**TOSS UP**



**Matt Meyer**  
NewDEAL Leader  
Running for DE Governor

**SAFE DEM.**



**Josh Stein**  
NewDEAL Leader  
Running for NC Governor

**LIKELY DEM.**



# MORE NEWDEALERS RUNNING FOR HIGHER OFFICE



**Eugene DePasquale**  
NewDEAL Alum  
Running for PA Attorney  
General



**Jon Morgan**  
NewDEAL Leader  
Running for NH Executive  
Council



**Tobias Read**  
NewDEAL Leader  
Running for OR Secretary of  
State



**Christopher Cabaldon**  
NewDEAL Alum  
Running for CA State Senate



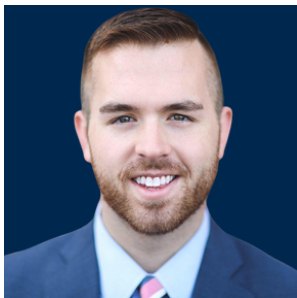
**Lindsey Daugherty**  
NewDEAL Leader  
Running for CO State  
Senate



**Josh Boschee**  
NewDEAL Leader  
Running for ND State  
Senate



**Colin Parent**  
NewDEAL Leader  
Running for CA State  
Assembly



**Ryan Fecteau**  
NewDEAL Alum  
Running for ME State  
House



**Janet Cowell**  
NewDEAL Alum  
Running for Mayor  
(Raleigh, NC)



**Chris Clark**  
NewDEAL Alum  
Running for County Council  
(Mountainview, CA)



**Annette Taddeo**  
NewDEAL Alum  
Running for County Clerk  
and Comptroller (Miami-  
Dade County, CA)



**Ben Schierer**  
NewDEAL Leader  
Running for County  
Commissioner (Otter Tail,  
MN)

# BALLOT INITIATIVES

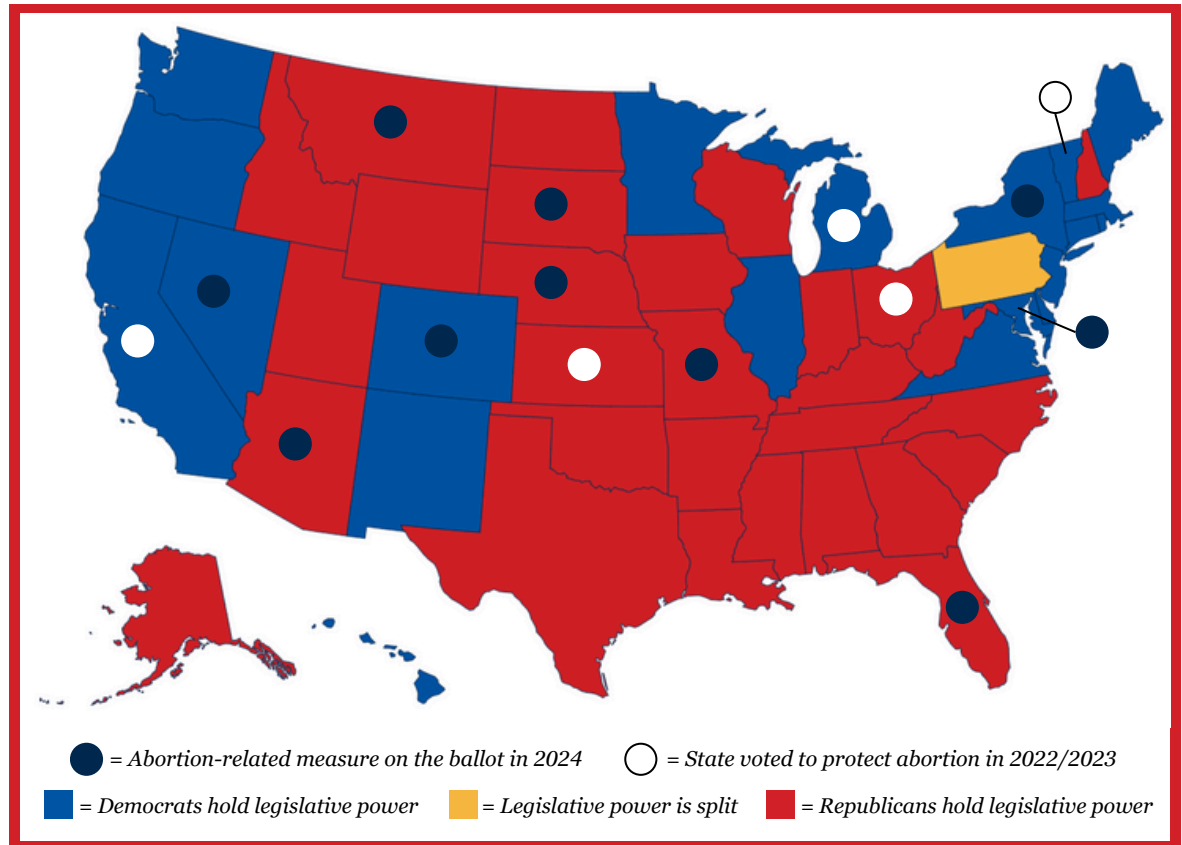
Ballot measures, particularly those related to abortion rights, are a major issue in the 2024 election. Voters across 41 states will decide more than 150 ballot measures in November, according to [POLITICO](#).

## REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

Ten states have abortion measures on the ballot this year (per [Kaiser Family Foundation](#)) that would expand or clarify abortion rights. Two ballot measures occur in Presidential battleground states (AZ & NV), and five (AZ, NV, FL, MD, and MT) occur in states with closely-watched Senate races.

The adjacent map overlays where abortion measures are on the ballot this year with the current partisan control of state legislatures. Legislative control is currently split in Pennsylvania.

Nebraska has two dueling measures on the ballot. One would amend the state constitution to recognize a fundamental right to abortion up to viability and the other would amend the constitution to ban abortion in the second and third trimesters. If both measures pass, the one that gets the most “for” votes would be the one adopted, according to the Secretary of State.



## ELECTIONS

Proposals related to how elections are run are appearing on more than a dozen ballots across the country.

### **Ranked Choice Voting and Open Primaries | AK, AZ, CO, ID, MO, MT, NV, OR, SD and DC**

Colorado, Idaho, Nevada and Oregon would establish a Ranked Choice Voting system (RCV), while Alaska will vote on whether to repeal their RCV system, and Missouri will vote whether to ban RCV (except in non-partisan local races that are already elected via a ranked choice system). Voters in South Dakota and Montana can vote to move from partisan to open primaries, and Arizonans will vote on competing ballot measures on that question – one requiring ranked choice, non-partisan primaries and the other requiring partisan primaries for all offices, including local elections

### **Banning Non-Citizens from Voting | ID, IA, KY, MO, NC, OK, SC, and WI**

Despite federal law prohibiting non-citizens from voting, eight states will vote on constitutional amendments that would explicitly ban noncitizens from voting in federal elections.

### **Redistricting and Partisanship| FL and OH**

An Ohio constitutional amendment would shift redistricting responsibilities from the state legislature to an independent, nonpartisan committee. Florida voters will weigh in on whether school board elections should be partisan going forward.

## ECONOMY

### **Minimum Wage | AK, CA, MA, and MO**

In AK and MO, ballot measures would gradually raise the minimum wage to \$15 per hour and require paid sick leave. In CA, a measure would increase minimum wage from \$16 to \$18 per hour. MA will vote on proposals related to the minimum wage for tipped workers.

### **Paid Sick Leave | NE**

In NE, there is a measure requiring paid sick leave.

# NEWDEALERS RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION

## **Alaska**

Representative Maxine Dibert  
Senator Scott Kawasaki

## **Arkansas**

Representative Nicole Clowney

## **Arizona**

Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego  
Mesa City Councilmember Francisco Heredia

## **California**

Senator Josh Becker  
San Diego City Councilmember Raul Campillo  
San Francisco City Treasurer Jose Cisneros  
San José Mayor Matt Mahan  
Assemblymember Blanca Rubio  
Elk Grove Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen

## **Colorado**

Senator Jeff Bridges  
Senator Chris Hansen  
Representative Meghan Lukens

## **Connecticut**

Senator Christine Cohen  
Senator Bob Duff  
Representative Kate Farrar  
Senator James Maroney  
Representative Cristin McCarthy Vahey

## **Delaware**

Representative Krista Griffith

## **Florida**

Representative Fentrice Driskell  
Representative Christine Hunschofsky

## **Georgia**

Senator Jason Esteves  
Representative Scott Holcomb  
Representative Tanya Miller  
Representative Phil Olaleye  
Senator Elena Parent

## **Iowa**

Representative Megan Srinivas

## **Idaho**

Representative Ilana Rubel

## **Illinois**

Representative Bob Morgan

## **Indiana**

Representative Blake Johnson  
Representative Robin Shackelford

## **Kentucky**

Representative Nima Kulkarni

## **Massachusetts**

Senator Barry Finegold  
Representative Tram Nguyen  
Senator Pavel Payano  
Representative Andy Vargas

## **Maine**

Representative Kristen Cloutier

## **Michigan**

Oakland County Executive Dave Coulter  
Representative Ranjeev Puri

## **Minnesota**

Representative Zach Stephenson

## **Montana**

Representative Emma Kerr-Carpenter

## **North Carolina**

Senator Sydney Batch  
Senator Jay Chaudhuri  
Representative Brandon Lofton

## **North Dakota**

Representative Jayme Davis

## **Nebraska**

Douglas County Commissioner Chris Rodgers

## **New Hampshire**

Senator Rebecca Perkins Kwoka  
Representative Matt Wilhelm

## **New Jersey**

Middlesex County Commissioner Shanti Narra

## **Nevada**

Assemblymember Sandra Jauregui  
Las Vegas City Councilmember Brian Knudsen  
Assemblymember Daniele Monroe-Moreno  
Clark County Commissioner Michael Naft

## **New York**

Assemblymember Alex Bores  
Assemblymember Nily Rozic

**Ohio**

Representative Dontavius Jarrells

**Oklahoma**

Representative Arturo Alonso-Sandoval

**Oregon**

Beaverton Mayor Lacey Beaty  
Representative Ben Bowman  
Representative Daniel Nguyen

**Pennsylvania**

Representative Jordan Harris  
Representative Joanna McClinton  
Franklin County Commissioner John O'Grady

**Rhode Island**

Representative Leonela Felix

**South Carolina**

Richland County Councilmember Jesica Mackey

**South Dakota**

Representative Erin Healy

**Tennessee**

Representative Caleb Hemmer

**Texas**

Representative Rafael Anchia  
Representative Salman Bhojani  
Senator Cesar Blanco  
Representative John Bucy

**Washington**

Lieutenant Governor Denny Heck  
Representative Kristine Reeves

**Wyoming**

Grand Teton County Commissioner Natalia Macker