



# DEMOCRACY BREWING COMMUNITY

## Abdul El-Sayed — Michigan U.S. Senate | One-Page Forum Fact Sheet

### Forum snapshot

Prepared: Mar 17, 2026. Seat: Open (Gary Peters <sup>1</sup> retiring). <sup>2</sup>

### Positions and questions

- **Healthcare:** Medicare for All (vs public option); quote: “I’ve been consistent about the need for Medicare for All.” **Ask:** “How would you pay for it and transition coverage?” (WDET 1/22/2026; accessed 3/17/2026.) <sup>2</sup>
- **Climate/energy:** Supports the Green New Deal (2019); 2018: said 100% renewable energy by 2030; 2026 data-center “terms”: no rate hikes, water protection, reliability guarantees, no clean-energy loopholes. **Ask:** “What’s the enforcement mechanism?” (Guardian 4/26/2019; Michigan Public 7/18/2018; campaign 1/8/2026; accessed 3/17/2026.) <sup>3</sup>
- **Economy/jobs:** 2026: PRO Act; ban stock buybacks (repeal SEC 10b-18); “automation capital levy” (small-biz exemptions). 2018: backed \$15/hr min wage. **[GAP: no updated min-wage target on Senate site.] Ask:** “What minimum wage do you support now?” (Labor 1/27/2026 + small business 3/16/2026; 2018 platform summary 7/31/2018; accessed 3/17/2026.) <sup>4</sup>
- **Education:** Universal pre-K; school-infrastructure investment; “debt-free and tuition-free” pathways. **[GAP: no detailed student-debt cancellation/interest plan posted.] Ask:** “What happens to current borrowers?” (Campaign priority page; accessed 3/17/2026.) <sup>5</sup>
- **Immigration:** Abolish ICE + border security/comprehensive reform. **Ask:** “What replaces ICE, and what due-process limits?” (WDET 1/22/2026; accessed 3/17/2026.) <sup>2</sup>
- **Criminal justice:** 2018 plan: repeal Truth-in-Sentencing; presumptive parole; reduce solitary; juvenile sentencing/raise prosecution age. **[GAP: no comparable detailed CJ plan in current priorities list.] Ask:** “Which CJ bills would you push federally?” (Wayback 7/5/2018 + priorities list; accessed 3/17/2026.) <sup>6</sup>
- **Foreign policy:** “Opposes directly funding foreign militaries”; supports diplomacy/human rights. **Ask:** “How would that change your votes on aid packages?” (Campaign priority page; accessed 3/17/2026.) <sup>7</sup>
- **Reproductive rights:** “Codify the rights once protected by Roe v. Wade into federal law.” **Ask:** “Would you change Senate rules to pass it?” (Campaign priority page; accessed 3/17/2026.) <sup>8</sup>
- **Voting/elections:** End “Citizens United”; close “issue-ad loophole”; ban corporate PAC money. **Ask:** “Statute vs constitutional amendment—what’s your plan?” (Press release 11/13/2025 + policy agenda 3/16/2026; accessed 3/17/2026.) <sup>9</sup>
- **Guns:** 2018: backed “red flag” laws; called for broader reforms. **[GAP: no dedicated gun page in current priorities list.] Ask:** “What federal gun bills would you co-sponsor?” (Bridge Michigan 2/20/2018 + priorities list; accessed 3/17/2026.) <sup>10</sup>

- **Unique proposals:** Data-center “terms of engagement”; worker board seats; aggressive antitrust; automation levy. **Ask:** “What’s your first Senate bill, and why?” (Policy agendas 1/8/2026, 1/27/2026, 3/16/2026; accessed 3/17/2026.) <sup>11</sup>

## Where to press for specifics

Topics marked [GAP] above: ask for bill names, timelines, and funding. <sup>12</sup>

## Source list

Top 4 sources (accessed 3/17/2026): Abdul for U.S. Senate official site; WDET (Jan 22, 2026); Michigan Public (Jul 18, 2018); Wayback Machine (2018 criminal-justice platform).

<sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup> The Green New Deal doesn't just help climate. It's also a public health new deal | Abdul El-Sayed | The Guardian

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/apr/26/the-green-new-deal-public-health-new-deal>

<sup>2</sup> Abdul El-Sayed runs for Michigan's open U.S. Senate seat - WDET 101.9 FM

<https://wdet.org/2026/01/22/abdul-el-sayed-runs-for-michigans-open-u-s-senate-seat/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://abduforenate.com/2026/01/labor/>

<https://abduforenate.com/2026/01/labor/>

<sup>5</sup> More and Better Education, not Less | Abdul for U.S. Senate

<https://abduforenate.com/priority/more-and-better-education-not-less/>

<sup>6</sup> Criminal Justice Reform | Abdul El-Sayed for Michigan

<https://web.archive.org/web/20180705074112/https%3A//abduformichigan.com/criminal-justice-reform>

<sup>7</sup> Sensible Foreign Policy | Abdul for U.S. Senate

<https://abduforenate.com/priority/sensible-foreign-policy/>

<sup>8</sup> Civil Rights & Liberties | Abdul for U.S. Senate

<https://abduforenate.com/priority/civil-rights-liberties/>

<sup>9</sup> <https://abduforenate.com/2025/11/abdul-el-sayed-endorses-mop-up-michigan-and-invest-in-mi-kids-ballot-initiatives-2/>

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<sup>10</sup> Where Michigan governor candidates stand on ‘red flag’ gun bills - Bridge Michigan

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<sup>11</sup> <https://abduforenate.com/2026/01/datacenters/>

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