

**Indivisible Lambertville/New Hope (ILNH) Questionnaire
for New Jersey CD7 Democratic Candidates**

Candidate Name: Rebecca Bennett

General / Philosophy
1. What are your top three priorities for your first two years in Congress and how do those demonstrate your core values? What do you see as your role in trying to achieve this?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Holding the current Administration accountable. The current Congress has completely abdicated its responsibility to be a coequal branch of government. Right now flipping the House is critical to provide some form of accountability to the current Administration. I'm a pragmatic, common sense leader who looks for common ground to work with people to make life better for all of us.● Affordability. As a mom of two, I fully understand the challenges of balancing work & family while navigating inflation and the rising cost of living. I want to pursue policies in Congress that will help bring down costs for families in New Jersey.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Healthcare. After I left the Navy, I started working in healthcare. I've worked at early-stage startups and Fortune 50 companies, and I'm ready to stand up to anyone who tries to strip away healthcare from New Jersey families. We have to expand access and bring down costs for patients, and I'm excited to bring my experience in healthcare to Congress.● National security. I served in the Navy for over a decade as a helicopter pilot, experimental test pilot, and aircraft commander. The use of new and improving technologies, including AI and drones, are only making the world more dangerous. It's time for Congress to have a new generation of veterans who can speak to national security issues with steady leadership and the experience necessary to help keep America safe.
2. What are the two main provisions of the OBBB Act you would roll back, and how would you achieve that?
Undoing the devastating cuts to healthcare and the rolling back of energy tax cuts are my top priorities for repealing OBBB in Congress. On Jan 1 st we saw the impact of not renewing the ACA subsidies and now tens of thousands of residents of this district are likely to lose their Medicaid coverage next year, this is fundamentally unacceptable and I will fight every day to reverse these cuts. When it comes to energy affordability we have a President who is actively sabotaging new energy projects and a Congressman who supports him every step of the way.
Leadership
3. How would you describe your leadership style, giving an example from your past work, and how would that influence your approach in Congress?
My leadership style is mission-driven, people-centered, and accountable . I focus on setting a clear objective, building trust within diverse teams, and then empowering people to execute—while taking responsibility for outcomes. An example is when I was serving in the Navy as a helicopter aircraft commander - I led missions in the middle of the ocean, in the middle of the night, where there was no margin

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for error, and I got the job done every single time. The stakes were life or death then, and they are life or death now.

In Congress, I would lead the same way—focused on outcomes, not ideology. I believe in doing the hard work of listening, building coalitions, and grounding decisions in facts and real-world impact. I'll prioritize accountability, insist on clear objectives for major policies (especially when lives or livelihoods are at stake).

At the end of the day, leadership isn't about speeches or titles—it's about responsibility. I've spent my career leading when the stakes were high, and I'll bring that same seriousness, discipline, and service-first mindset to representing the people of New Jersey's 7th District.

4. What two measures would you take to address the corruption of the current administration?

The personal corruption of the Trump administration is unprecedented in our history- we have a President who has taken more than a billion dollars in untraceable funds. Within the DoD you have a secretary purging those whom he perceives as being anything short of a MAGA cheerleader. We also saw an administration fire experts without any rhythm or reason because chaos and pain were the entire point. The only way to fight back is to have a Congress that puts guardrails back up and actually serves as a co-equal branch of government, rather than the quiet cheerleader we have in office today. Using the investigative power of Congress, holding those who actively broke the law accountable, and passing laws to prevent this looting from happening again will all be needed in the next Congress.

Affordability

5. What changes, if any, would you support to the federal tax code?

We need to undo the Trump tax cuts for the super wealthy and use those funds to undo the damage of OBBB. I am for tax cuts for working families and against cuts for the super rich.

6. What initiatives would you propose to address housing affordability and food insecurity?

I will be releasing a full plan on housing affordability that includes stopping the Trump tariffs that are raising new home construction costs, banning algorithmic price fixing in the rental market, and tax credits to help people buy their first home. When it comes to groceries we need to step up antitrust enforcement and end the trade war that is raising prices on crops that we don't even grow in the United States.

Public Health

7. What specific legislative language or mechanisms would you back to support federal protections for reproductive justice?

I support codifying the Roe standard and taking politics out of the FDA to ensure all women have access to contraception and Plan B.

8. What are your proposals to improve healthcare access and affordability?

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We need to stop all of the consolidation in the healthcare industry that is raising prices, undo the cuts to healthcare in OBBB, expand Rx negotiations, and fight to protect pre-existing conditions protections and stop Trump's junk healthcare plans.

9. What legislation would you introduce or support to end gun violence?

I am a supporter of the 2nd Amendment and common sense gun control. No civilian needs a magazine that holds 50 bullets or military style assault weapons which is why we need to finally pass meaningful gun safety reform and protection.

Climate, Energy & Environment

10. What specific actions would you take or propose to protect the climate and the environment? If possible, please name specific ties to New Jersey.

The most important thing we can do is actually support an all of the above approach to energy that doesn't attack our domestic wind and solar industry, starting with undoing the cuts in OBBB. We can either have a domestic industry or we can cede the space to China.

Education

11. What is your vision for how the federal government should support education, including childcare, pre-K, public K-12 schools, and higher education, including affordability?

I support universal pre-k and expanded early child education and strongly oppose the Trump Administration's attempts to dismantle the Department of Education. Similarly, the Trump Administration's attacks on universities must end. Ultimately when it comes to K-12 education the federal government's main role is to provide funding to ensure all students have access to a quality education. When it comes to higher education the federal government's main role is to ensure students can afford tuition and do not face discrimination.

Immigration & Border Policy

12. What is your vision for how the US government should handle issues around immigration, in terms of both policy and process?

We can have a secure border without terrorizing communities and arresting American citizens. We need a pathway to citizenship, especially for Dreamers and those who have served this country, but instead this administration is actively deporting those who risked their lives for the United States.

13. What immediate steps would you take to hold ICE, CPB, the attorney general, and others accountable for illegal actions?

The first step is to have a Congress that operates as a co-equal branch of government and not simply a blank check for this Administration. While the OBBB cuts in healthcare are well known, the added funding for these agencies is being used in the worst possible way, violating American citizens rights. We cannot tolerate American citizens being illegally detained simply for the color of their skin, and those who do so, especially key decision makers, will eventually be held accountable.

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AI, Privacy & Surveillance

14. What legislation would you support related to AI? Please address digital ID and digital currency in your response.

We saw with social media what happens when tech companies operate without meaningful regulation and cannot let it happen again when it comes to AI. Similarly we've seen with FTX what happens when crypto operates in a fully unregulated space. I support common sense regulation that allows America to maintain it's edge over China on AI without allowing the harms we've seen with unchecked technology companies financially incentivized to do the wrong thing. We also need common sense consumer protections when it comes to crypto.

Campaign Finance and Coalition Support

15. Do you support public financing or stricter limits on outside (PAC/super PAC) spending? Are there any specific companies, organizations, or individuals you would refuse donations from?

I do not accept corporate PAC money and strongly support a constitutional amendment undoing the damage from the Citizens United decision.

16. What coalitions and community partners are you currently working with?

I have earned a growing list of endorsements that includes members of Congress such as [Pat Ryan](#), [Seth Moulton](#), [Jason Crow](#), [Chris Deluzio](#), and former [Congressman Patrick Murphy](#); national organizations like [VoteVets](#), [New Politics](#), [Vote Mama](#), [The Next 50](#), [Leadership Now](#), and [Taking the Hill PAC](#); and local Democrats including former Summit Mayor [Jordan Glatt](#), [former Summit Council President Marjorie Fox](#) and [former Summit Council member Phyllis Sank](#), [Lambertville Mayor Andrew Novick](#) and [Council President Benedetta Lambert](#), and [State Senator Joseph Cryan](#) - the first sitting state legislator to endorse in NJ-07.

I have also been on the ground this last year knocking on doors, making phone calls, and helping elect Democrats across NJ-07, whether it's with our county parties or with grassroots groups, volunteers, and elected officials and candidates.