

IVI-IPO 2006 CONGRESSIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

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Please use an additional sheet to complete the following background information:

- A) Elective or appointive public or party offices previously held including dates.
- B) Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate.
- C) What is your primary occupation?
- D) Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years.
- E) What subjects have you studied and what experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek?
- F) What candidates have you supported? Please be specific in describing your role in each campaign.
- G) Please list all endorsements you have received so far.
- H) As concisely as possible, please state why you feel you should be endorsed over the other candidate(s). What goals for the office you seek are most important to you personally?
- I) What is your campaign budget? How much have you raised to date?
- J) How many people are on your campaign staff? How many volunteers are on your list?

Bill Reedy Background Information

A) Elective or appointive public or party offices previously held including dates.

B) Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate.

I am running for the US Congressional Representative seat in District 13 because our District has for too long been represented by an incumbent whose votes consistently benefit powerful, wealthy special interests while undermining the basic security of the middle class and those who are living in poverty. This is the first time I have sought election to public office, and believe strongly that we the People, need better representation by and of the People as intended by our Founders. I intend to represent my home district as a true public servant, beholden only to the interests of the citizens of the community I serve.

C) What is your primary occupation?

Since 1991, I have been in business selling church furniture and choir robes to area houses of worship.

D) Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years.

Involved with the 2006 Illinois Healthcare Referendum, sponsored by Physicians for a National Healthcare Program. Served as a substitute teacher at Downers Grove North High School. Active in local Democratic party politics.

E) What subjects have you studied and what experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek?

I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Education as well as a Master of Divinity degree. My experience as a public school teacher, in addition to my former work in youth and music ministry have given me the opportunity to hone my leadership skills, and to develop valuable listening skills. Informally, I have had serious interest in and continue to study politics and public policy, and wish to use my experience and knowledge to benefit the citizens of my District.

F) What candidates have you supported? Please be specific in describing your role in each campaign.

I have supported candidates on every level of government who I believe would best serve the public interest. I have not volunteered or worked for individual candidates on any specific campaigns.

G) Please list all endorsements you have received so far.

Democratic Party of DuPage; Democratic Party of Will County; Downers Grove Township Democratic organization; Wheatland Township Democratic organization. Further endorsements pending from a variety of organizations.

H) As concisely as possible, please state why you feel you should be endorsed over the other candidate(s). What goals for the office you seek are most important to you personally?

The incumbent has voted most often for interests benefiting the oil and gas industries; financial services industries; and insurance industries. Legislation that she has voted for have eroded the standing of many middle class citizens and ignored the poor. My goals as a Representative are to help restore ethics and integrity to Congress; restore fiscal discipline; protect retirement security; strengthen our public school system and make a college education accessible to all qualified students; and ensure that quality, affordable healthcare is available to every American.

I) What is your campaign budget? How much have you raised to date?

The budget is currently in development. Approximately \$7,500 raised to date.

J) How many people are on your campaign staff? How many volunteers are on your list?

Campaign Manager, Treasurer, Website Designer, IT Manager on staff. 30 core volunteers, over 100 volunteers currently signed up.

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Foreign and Military		
1.	ESSAY	What should be the US role in multi-national alliances such as the UN, NATO and the International Criminal Court?
We must strengthen and repair our relationships with the leaders of member nations in the UN, NATO and the ICC. I support collaborative efforts in international policy matters. We must restore US standing with member nations by demonstrating strong support for the ICC, and return to a position of American leadership in defending human rights world wide.		
2.	ESSAY	What should be the policy of the IMF and World Bank toward countries that are essentially bankrupt?
Debt forgiveness and assistance in rebuilding such countries' economies.		
3.	ESSAY	What should be Congress' role in formulating foreign policy?
Advice and consent. Congress must restore its function as a meaningful check and balance on executive power, and reclaim its role as the only body authorized to determine whether or not our country engages in war. Congress also has a responsibility to determine foreign aid in world health issues and economic issues. Finally, addressing terrorism in an intelligent and multi-faceted manner so as to reduce it are high priorities.		
	YES	NO
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Should the US adopt a timetable for withdrawal of our troops from Iraq?		
	ESSAY	
If so, within what timeframe?		
Within the earliest possible time frame to bring our troops home safely, according to advice from the Commanders on the ground.		
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Should the US wage war without a declaration from Congress?		
5.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would you support legislation giving Governors veto power over deployment of their National Guard units overseas?		
6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you agree with the current proposed level of funding for the military?		
	ESSAY	
If you agree, explain. If you disagree, how would you distribute the funds?		
My priorities in defense spending are to make certain our military families have adequate salaries and benefits, including healthcare. It is a disgrace that many military families must supplement their budgets with food stamps because our current defense budget does not allow them to earn a salary sufficient to support them. Ensuring that our veterans are well-cared for, instead of having their benefits cut. Making sure that our troops, when deployed, have the best, state-of-the-art equipment to keep them as safe as possible. I would like to reduce spending on new nuclear weapons technologies and other weapons of mass destruction. I would like to see an end to over-sized, no-bid contracts to defense contractors, with increased oversight and accountability expected of them. Identify and eliminate wasteful spending on unnecessary projects such as the "missile shield".		
7.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you support funding to assist conversion of the defense industry to civilian applications?		
I will quote Dwight D. Eisenhower: "In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist."		
8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you support continued funding for WHISC (the re-named Army School of the Americas)?		

9.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the way the drug war is being carried on, both abroad and at home?
	ESSAY		What would you change?
The "War on Drugs" has been unsuccessful in its current form. We need better education, greater access to rehabilitation of those who become addicted to drugs and understand addiction as a disease. While we must incarcerate violent offenders and block the supply of illegal drugs into our country, incarceration of non-violent offenders makes no sense.			
			Do you support
10.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	normalization of relations with Cuba?
11.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	the Helms-Burton Act?
Energy & Environment			
12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support oil drilling in Alaska and other protected wilderness?
13.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support pollution credit schemes?
14.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation establishing a national Energy Efficiency Resource Standard to set energy-saving targets for utilities?
15.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the Clean Water Authority Restoration Act of 2005?
	YES	NO	
16.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation to increase revenue sources by removing federal land use regulations from federal land claims?
Transportation			
			Should the federal government have primary funding responsibility for
17.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	infrastructure improvements?
18.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	highways?
19.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	mass transit?
20.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	high-speed rail?
21.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amtrak?
22.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Air transportation?
	ESSAY		Please explain your answers
Yes to the first five because these are public services that should be available to all Americans. No to air transportation because the airlines are publicly-traded companies with a primary interest to their shareholders. Management change is needed for the airlines, not taxpayer hand-outs.			
Taxes and Economic Policy			
			Do you favor
23.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a more progressive income tax?
24.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a flat tax?
25.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a national sales tax?
26.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	reduction of the capital gains tax?
27.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	reduction or elimination of the estate tax?
28.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	elimination of the corporate alternative tax?
29.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	tax cuts on stock dividends?
30.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	any other changes in our tax structure?

	ESSAY	Please explain.
I am against policy that taxes income from work more heavily than investment income. I favor windfall-profits taxes on corporations over a certain level, which may vary by industry. I am against tax breaks for corporations that outsource jobs overseas, and against corporate tax shelter schemes such as registering a corporation in the Cayman Islands to avoid paying taxes. If corporations recognized as having the same legal rights as individual citizens, they should also be required to have the same responsibilities.		
31.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Do you favor a roll-back of the Bush tax cuts?
32.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Do you support cutbacks in discretionary spending to fund Katrina rebuilding efforts?
33.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Do you support any privatization of the Social Security fund?
	ESSAY	Please explain.
The Social Security program is an insurance program, not an investment program. It should be protected and strengthened, not subjected to the risks of the stock market.		
34.	ESSAY	What is your position on federal deficit spending vs. balanced budget?
I favor working within a balanced budget. Our families must live within our means and I believe that our government ought to do the same. When national emergency makes it necessary to spend outside of the budget, I would make an exception, but such exceptions should be very rare.		
35.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Would you support legislation that prevents federal contractors and federally funded state agencies from using offshore facilities in the execution of a contract?
Consumer Rights		
		Do you support
36.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> banning the use of Social Security numbers as identification in consumer transactions?
37.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> federal legislation to cap interest rates on consumer loans?
38.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> federal legislation to regulate ATM fees and service charges on credit cards and other consumer loans?
39.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> allowing states to enact consumer laws which go beyond the protection of federal legislation?
Government and Ethics		
	YES	NO
40.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Do you support term limits?
I do not support term limits, with the one exception of the Executive Branch, as the President has such vast authority over appointments throughout the federal government. In other offices however, I believe that term limits thwart the will of the people when the voters are satisfied with their representation and yet are unable to re-elect their public servants due to the imposition of term limits.		
		Do you support
41.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> public financing of Congressional campaigns?
42.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> spending limits?
43.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> abolition of PACs?

44.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support increased Congressional oversight of federal contracting?
	ESSAY		Why or why not?
Oversight is a key responsibility of Congress. We must exercise oversight of federal contracting to prevent fraud, waste and abuse.			
45.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support patronage?
Health & Human Services			
46.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support comprehensive, universal, single-payer health care?
	ESSAY		If not, how would you address the need for healthcare for the uninsured and underinsured?
47.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Should the FDA approve importation of drugs from countries whose manufacturing and safety standards are equal or superior to those in the US?
48.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support increased funding for HIV/AIDS research, education, prevention, and services?
	ESSAY		Please discuss compulsory licensing of essential drugs where needed, in the US, Africa, Asia and elsewhere.
			Compulsory licensing of essential drugs is legal, and may in some cases be needed to keep costs down for patients in impoverished countries who would otherwise have to go without the medicines they need. According to Jamie Love of the US Consumer Project on Technology, the price of most AIDS-related drugs could be reduced by 50% to 90% if countries in which AIDS has become a national health emergency could produce generic versions of patented drugs via a compulsory license.
			Do you support
49.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal funding for stem cell research?
50.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	legislation prohibiting stem cell research?
			Do you support
51.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	the Human Life Amendment?
52.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Freedom of Choice Act?
53.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *	parental or spousal notification or consent to obtain an abortion?
			* I support parental notification with a judicial review option in the case of incest or an abusive environment.
54.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	restoration of Medicaid coverage of abortion?
55.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a ban on so-called partial birth abortions?
56.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	insurance coverage for abortions for federal and military employees and their dependents?
			Do you favor increased funding for:
57.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	supplemental food programs for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)?
58.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	food stamp allowances?
59.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Head Start?
60.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	school lunch programs?

61.	ESSAY		What services, if any, should be offered to those whose time on Welfare has run out and do not have adequate income to support themselves and their families?
Child care; food stamps; opportunities for education and job training; access to substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation services when needed; access to healthcare.			
	YES	NO	
			Do you support
62.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	increased funding to develop affordable housing?
63.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	restrictions to ensure development of low-income rather than market rate housing?
64.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	a National Affordable Housing Trust Fund to build, rehabilitate and preserve at least 1.5 million units of primarily rental, primarily deeply targeted housing?
65.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	protection against housing discrimination for holders of Section 8 housing vouchers?
			Do you favor
66.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	increased federal aid to public education?
67.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	vouchers, tuition tax-credits or other any direct public support for parochial or private schools?
68.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Are the provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act the most effective way to advance student achievement?
	ESSAY		If not, what plan would you propose?
			No Child Left Behind is well intentioned, but there are serious flaws in the law that must be corrected. The 'one-size-fits-all' approach of NCLB is failing our schools and our community. It focuses on the wrong priorities, forcing Illinois taxpayers to spend money on more bureaucracy and paperwork while taking away from things that matter to student achievement.
Law, Justice, and Correctional System			
			Do you support:
69.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	admissibility of illegally obtained evidence?
70.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	electronic eavesdropping?
71.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	roving wiretaps?
72.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	capital punishment?
73.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults?
74.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	mandatory sentencing?
75.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	criminalization of hate crimes?
76.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation prohibiting racial profiling in law enforcement?
77.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you favor detention of suspects and material witnesses without charges and/or probable cause?
78.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor giving such detainees access to counsel?
79.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation authorizing or prohibiting secret military tribunals?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position.
Secret military tribunals should be prohibited in our open system to ensure that proper judicial procedures are followed and that innocent people are not unjustly convicted. If the government or military truly has a case against an individual, there is no reason to conduct the proceedings in secret.			

80.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation banning torture and inhuman treatment of detainees under US control?
			Do you support legislation to ban the manufacture, sale and possession of
81.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	handguns?
82.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	assault weapons?
			Do you support legislation
	YES	NO	
83.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	mandating background checks of purchasers of weapons at gun shows, through the internet and through print advertisements?
84.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	increasing penalties for illegal resale of weapons?
85.	ESSAY		What restrictions, if any, should Congress enact or repeal regarding the scope of federally funded legal services for the poor?
I support a strong, federally funded, community controlled program to provide legal aid to the poor. A Legal Services Corporation report last October documented that 80% of the legal needs of the indigent are not being met. When we affirm that the United States offers "justice to all," I believe that we should ensure that legal representation should be available to all Americans.			
Civil Liberties and Civil Rights			
	YES	NO	
86.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor repeal of the Patriot Act or any of its provisions?
87.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support repeal or revision of the Posse Comitatus Act?
			Do you support
88.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal legislation to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, employment and education?
89.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act?
90.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a Constitutional amendment prohibiting states from recognizing gay marriage or civil unions?
91.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military?
92.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support prior government restraint of the press?
93.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support NEA funding for controversial artists whose work is considered by a peer-review committee to have artistic merit?
			Do you support
94.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	prayer in public schools?
95.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	moment of silence?
			Do you support mandatory drug testing
96.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	in private employment?
97.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	in public employment?

98.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support mandatory AIDS testing for insurance or employment?
99.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation to redress inequities in pension benefits for women?
100.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the Equal Rights Amendment to the US Constitution?
Labor			
101.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act?
102.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support a prohibition on permanent replacement of strikers?
	YES	NO	
103.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor giving federal employees the right to strike?
104.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support Affirmative Action with specific goals, targets and timetables for federal employment, grants and contracts?
105.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation to restructure the wage scale of federal employees to correct disparities based on gender by instituting equal pay for jobs of comparable worth?
106.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support a federal living wage law to guarantee that a person working forty hours a week would be able to afford housing, food, utilities, transportation and health care?
107.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation that would require companies to post job openings before filing a request to fill the position with a nonimmigrant H1-B and would recalculate prevailing wages to equal those competed for under EEOC guidelines?
108.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation to prevent labor agencies from outsourcing, leasing or subcontracting H1-Bs as long term temps?