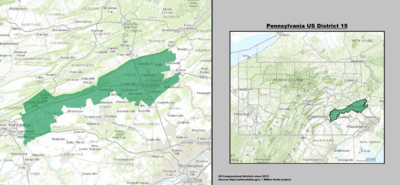
United States Congress

Pennsylvania District 15

Issue Position Guide



Issue #1: Jobs and the Economy

**Charlie Dent (R)**

* **Believes that creating jobs is the biggest issue facing our country today**
* **Supports tax code reform with lower marginal rates**
* **Believes in decreasing government spending and reducing debt**
* **Seeks to make conditions more favorable for small business**
* **“Continued unemployment rates above 8 percent must stop. I have voted for 30 bills aimed at helping the economy recover”**
* **“I have been a leader in supporting pro-growth policies in Congress. My voting record demonstrates that I value small business people, entrepreneurs, hard workers, and innovators.”**

**Rick Daugherty (D)**

* **Opposes sending jobs overseas**
* **Opposes congressional free trade agreements with “countries that do not share our values”**
* **Believes that unfair trade policies have damaged our manufacturing base**
* **Supports greater protection of manufacturing industries**
* **“Over the past twenty-five years Congress has passed numerous free trade agreements that have sent jobs overseas. China violates trade agreements, keeps its currency artificially low, pollutes freely, and workers have few if any rights, yet we do virtually nothing.”**

**Paul Rizzo (L)**

* **Prioritizes a balanced budget, one in which the government gets rid of automatic spending increases**
* **Believes that the budget process must have greater transparency**
* **“When elected. I would propose legislation mandating all legislators publishing any spending they put forward for consideration in the budget.”**
* **Believes that getting rid of excess spending will lead to economic growth and more high paying jobs**
* **Advocates free trade, but opposes deals that favor corporations over consumers**
* **Opposes trade deals that threaten our national security**
* **Demands an audit of the Federal Reserve and the removal of control of our currency from the hands of central bankers**

Issue #2: National Security

**Charlie Dent (R)**

* **“The security of our communities, our national interests, and our allies is dependent on maintaining vigilance and resolve at home and abroad, and upholding our core values.”**
* **Says that “our military must be given the tools to keep us safe”**
* **Believes that the U.S. must project strength**
* **Believes that we must maximize our resources to secure our borders**
* **Introduced a bill in the House to have the Civil Air Patrol better secure our borders**

**Rick Daugherty (D)**

* **“Our Defense budget must be realigned to confront our current national security threats. The Soviet Union is gone, and Russia and China remain a threat.”**
* **Believes that our national security priorities must include combatting terrorism, improving cyber security, strengthening our borders, developing international intelligence, and increasing diplomacy**
* **“We can no longer do it on our own. Our allies must do their fair share.”**

**Paul Rizzo (L)**

* **Believes that, while having a strong military is very important, our military is too strong. He says, “We need to stop being the policeman of the world, and as a freshman Congressman, I would propose cutting our base deployment and bringing our troops home!”**
* **Opposes U.S. foreign intervention, saying that it has been largely unsuccessful.**
* **“ ‘Nation Building’ and ‘Regime Change,’ are two such policies the US has no business enacting. I will advocate that we stop spending money on these tragic foreign policy mistakes.”**

**Charlie Dent (R)**

Issue #3: Healthcare

* **Believes that Obamacare is ineffective**
* **“I opposed the health care legislation package offered by the Majority in Congress because it will increase health care costs for Americans and bend the curve of health care spending in the wrong direction”**
* **Believes in comprehensive health care reform that ensures that “health care dollars are spent on value and quality rather than quantity”**
* **Believes that current health care spending is unsustainable**
* **Supports reforms to reduce the practice of “defensive medicine”**
* **Has supported funding increases for the National Institutes of Health**

**Rick Daugherty (D)**

* **Believes that Medicare is an effective system, and he will fight to preserve it**
* **Believes that billions of dollars could be saved through better detection of patterns of fraud and waste in the Medicare system**
* **Opposes Republican efforts to replace Medicare with a voucher system**

**Paul Rizzo (L)**

* **Believes that the free market must serve the people**
* **“I will introduce legislation that will make it easier for stand-alone drug stores and pharmacy departments to provide basic medical care under what I would like to call a Health Tax Return plan.”**
* **Under the Health Tax Return plan, stores invest some of their pre-tax income back into their facility, making services cheaper for people without a regular doctor**
* **Supports greater accessibility to health savings accounts, allowing money to be shared between family members**
* **Wants to make the insurance market more competitive by breaking down barriers between state lines**

**Charlie Dent (R)**

Issue #4: The Environment

* **Supports energy exploration in Alaska and offshore areas. Voted in favor of Keystone Pipeline**
* **Opposed Obama Administration efforts to end drilling in Gulf Coast region**
* **Believes that America has abundant natural resources and must develop them**
* **Supports development of clean coal technology**
* **Supports development of nuclear power**
* **“I do support solar and wind power, but I believe it is wrong to mislead the American people into believing that they are a viable alternative without substantial Federal subsidies in the near term to coal or other conventional energy sources.”**
* **“We need a comprehensive energy policy that is diverse and focuses on developing American Energy and the related technologies that will power our country in the future.”**

**Rick Daugherty (D)**

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**Paul Rizzo (L)**

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**Charlie Dent (R)**

Issue #5: Education

* **Supports expanding access to early education programs**
* **Supported a $1 billion increase in funding for such programs as Head Start and the Preschool Development Grant program**
* **Supported the Every Student Succeeds Act. “This new law empowers parents and returns much of the control over our kids’ education to the local level.”**
* **Believes in making college affordable, having supported funding for programs such as the Pell grant**

**Rick Daugherty (D)**

* **Believes that student debt is far too high, and argues that it has a negative impact on the economy**
* **Supports a decreases in interest rates on student debt**
* **Believes that college is too expensive and that the job market for college graduates is weak**
* **“Allow graduates to repay loans using pre-tax dollars. Increase the student loan interest tax deduction from $2,500 to $5,000 with no income limit. Allow students to refinance loans when rates are lower. Cap at ten percent of income the minimum amount to be paid annually”**

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**Charlie Dent (R)**

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