LWV Voters Guide to Fall '08 General Election

Representative in Congress

(Vote for one)

Term: 2 years **Salary:** $169,300

Duties: The Congress is the legislative branch of the federal government. It is composed of two houses, the Senate and the House of Representatives. A majority vote by both houses is necessary to pass a law. Every law concerned with taxation must originate in the House of Representatives.

Questions: 1.What should the federal government do to ensure that every American has health insurance coverage?
2. List your top legislative priority and what you will do to accomplish it.

14th Congressional District

Democratic

Mike Doyle, 54, Forest Hills www.mikedoyleforcongress.com

Education: Penn State University, B.S. 1975; Graduate, Leadership Pittsburgh

Occupation: U.S. Congressman representing Pennsylvania's 14th District

Qualifications: Lifelong Pittsburgh area resident; completing 7th term as Congressman; have served on the powerful Energy and Commerce Committee since 2001; co-owner of small insurance agency; married over 25 years; four children

Answers: 1. I believe the federal government has an obligation to ensure that all Americans have access to affordable, high quality health care. I've become convinced that more incremental, piecemeal changes to our existing inefficient system won't meet our country's health care needs. That's why I've cosponsored legislation to establish a national single-payer health insurance plan. I will continue to work to ensure that all Americans have access to affordable, comprehensive health insurance.

2. I have been working for years to put in place a comprehensive national energy policy that would make the United States energy-independent. I believe that such a policy should include expanded conservation efforts and increased emphasis on energy-efficiency, as well as greater utilization of alternative fuels and new energy technology like fuel cells and gas-electric hybrid motors.

Republican

No Candidate Filed

Green

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