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U.S. House, District 1

Open seat (Rep. Barry Moore is running for U.S. Senate). Alabama reinstated its 2023 congressional map for 2026.



Jerry Carl

REPUBLICAN · OPEN SEAT

Former U.S. Representative (2021–2025).



Clyde Jones

DEMOCRAT · OPEN SEAT

Retired U.S. Army veteran (1984–2005).

Where the candidates stand on the issues Pope Leo XIV has raised, in their own words and votes. Bracketed numbers link to sources. We do not rate, score, or endorse candidates.

WAR & PEACE

POPE LEO XIV *Leo invited citizens of every country involved in the war with Iran to contact their leaders and members of Congress "to work for peace and to reject war and violence."* Remarks at Castel Gandolfo, Apr. 7, 2026 (Vatican News via The Good Newsroom)

JERRY CARL

Says he has "always stood strong with our allies like Israel," backs peace through strength and introduced legislation to stop Iran from developing nuclear weapons.

[1] Carl campaign: Issues

CLYDE JONES

No public position found.

AI & THE DIGNITY OF WORK

POPE LEO XIV *"No one can be reduced to productivity, to cognitive performance, or to mere data."* Magnifica Humanitas presentation, May 25, 2026

JERRY CARL

No public position found.

CLYDE JONES

Lists workers' rights among his top policy priorities, alongside health care and affordability.

[1] Ballotpedia: Clyde Jones

THE POOR & THE SAFETY NET

POPE LEO XIV *The preferential choice for the poor is "a source of extraordinary renewal both for the Church and for society."* Dilexi Te, Oct. 4, 2025

JERRY CARL

No public position found.

CLYDE JONES

Calls for "comprehensive healthcare for all. No exceptions and nobody left behind."

[1] Ballotpedia: Clyde Jones

ELECTIONS & CIVIC LIFE

POPE LEO XIV *Authentic democracy, "far from being a mere procedure," "recognizes the dignity of every person and calls each citizen to participate responsibly in the pursuit of the common good."* Message to the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, Apr. 9, 2026

JERRY CARL

No public position found.

CLYDE JONES

No public position found.

LIFE OF THE UNBORN

POPE LEO XIV *Abortion "cuts short a growing life and refuses to welcome the gift of life."* Address to the Diplomatic Corps, Jan. 9, 2026

JERRY CARL

Says he is "100% pro-life," opposes tax dollars funding abortion and supports the overturning of Roe v. Wade.

[1] Carl campaign: Issues

CLYDE JONES

No public position found.

THE DEATH PENALTY

POPE LEO XIV *Someone who opposes abortion but favors the death penalty "is not really pro-life."* AP via PBS NewsHour, Sept. 30, 2025

JERRY CARL

No public position found.

CLYDE JONES

No public position found.

IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES

POPE LEO XIV *"Defending human life also includes welcoming, protecting and assisting immigrants."* Letter on the 250th Anniversary of the United States, June 25, 2026

JERRY CARL

Calls illegal immigration "a direct threat to our national security" and cites his work on a border bill funding the wall and more Border Patrol agents.

[1] Carl campaign: Issues

CLYDE JONES

No public position found.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY & EDUCATION

POPE LEO XIV *Religious freedom is "the right of every person to worship according to conscience."* Letter on the 250th Anniversary of the United States, June 25, 2026

JERRY CARL

No public position found.

CLYDE JONES

No public position found.

CARE FOR CREATION

POPE LEO XIV *"We cannot love God, whom we cannot see, while despising his creatures."* AP, Oct. 1, 2025

JERRY CARL

No public position found.

CLYDE JONES

No public position found.

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