U.S. Senate

Open seat (Tommy Tuberville running for governor). Rated Solid Republican by Cook Political Report (Oct 2026).



Barry Moore

REPUBLICAN · OPEN SEAT

U.S. Representative for Alabama's 1st District; Army National Guard veteran and businessman.



Everett Wess

DEMOCRAT · OPEN SEAT

Birmingham attorney; managing partner of the Wess Law Firm since 2001.

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)

BARRY MOORE

Defended the 2026 U.S. strikes on Iran as a response to an "imminent threat," saying Iran "brought this upon themselves"; campaign site opposes "pointless foreign wars."

[1] 1819 News: Moore defends Trump strikes on Iran (Mar 2026)
[2] Barry Moore campaign: Issues

VOTING RECORD

Iran war powers resolutions, Mar.–Sept. 2026 (six House votes): **No** Mar., Apr., May, June, July, Sept.

No Ukraine Support Act (H.R. 2913), June 2026 — authorizes support for Ukraine

EVERETT WESS

Links rising costs to overseas conflict and wants Congress to act on war powers: "we need to get the United States out of this war."

[1] ABC 33/40: Moore, Wess outline priorities

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

BARRY MOORE

Voted against the 2021 PRO Act, which would have overridden state right-to-work laws; as a state legislator, voted in 2016 to put a right-to-work amendment on Alabama's ballot. No stated position found on AI.

[1] OnTheIssues: Barry Moore on jobs

VOTING RECORD

No Protect America's Workforce Act (H.R. 2550), Dec. 2025 — nullifies the executive order ending union bargaining for many federal workers

No Faster Labor Contracts Act (H.R. 5408), June 2026 — sets deadlines for reaching first union contracts

EVERETT WESS

Says he wants to look at increasing the federal minimum wage. No stated position found on AI.

[1] OnTheIssues: Everett Wess on jobs

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

BARRY MOORE

Blames inflation on "four years of runaway spending" and wants federal spending cut, saying "there's no government program like a job." No stated position found on Medicaid or SNAP.

[1] ABC 33/40: Moore, Wess outline priorities

VOTING RECORD

Yes One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1), final passage July 2025 — tax cuts with Medicaid and SNAP changes

No Breaking the Gridlock Act (H.R. 1834), Jan. 2026 — extends enhanced ACA premium tax credits through 2028

EVERETT WESS

Calls rural health care access a major problem and has floated combining rural and veterans' care: "Health care is a need, it's not a want."

[1] ABC 33/40: Moore, Wess outline priorities
[2] OnTheIssues: Everett Wess on health care

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

BARRY MOORE

Campaign site says he stood with Trump against "a stolen election" and blames 2020 riots on "radical left antifa organizations."

[1] Barry Moore campaign: Issues

VOTING RECORD

Yes Objection to counting Arizona's 2020 electoral votes, Jan. 6, 2021 — a Yes vote supported the objection (failed, 121–303)

Yes Objection to counting Pennsylvania's 2020 electoral votes, Jan. 7, 2021 — a Yes vote supported the objection (failed, 138–282)

No For the People Act (H.R. 1), Mar. 2021 — automatic and same-day voter registration, expanded mail and early voting, campaign-finance and ethics rules

No Presidential Election Reform Act (H.R. 8873), Sept. 2022 — says the vice president's role in counting electoral votes is ministerial and raises the threshold for objections

Yes SAVE America Act (House amendment to S. 1383), Feb. 2026 — requires documentary proof of citizenship to register and photo ID to vote in federal elections

EVERETT WESS

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

BARRY MOORE

Campaign site lists "protecting life" among his commitments without specifics; as a state legislator he backed added restrictions on abortion clinics (2013).

[1] Barry Moore campaign: Issues
[2] OnTheIssues: Barry Moore on abortion

VOTING RECORD

Yes Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (H.R. 21), Jan. 2025 — requires care for infants born alive after an attempted abortion

Yes Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act (H.R. 6945), Jan. 2026 — lets states use TANF funds for pregnancy centers

EVERETT WESS

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

BARRY MOORE

No public position found.

EVERETT WESS

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

BARRY MOORE

Calls to "deport all illegal immigrants, starting with the most violent and dangerous," and backs English as the official language.

[1] Barry Moore campaign: Issues
[2] Barry Moore campaign site

VOTING RECORD

Yes Laken Riley Act (S. 5), Jan. 2025 — requires detention of undocumented immigrants charged with theft and certain crimes

Yes Secure America Act (S. 2), June 2026 — reconciliation funding for ICE and Customs and Border Protection

No Haiti TPS bill (H.R. 1689), Apr. 2026 — requires temporary protected status for Haitians

EVERETT WESS

Says the U.S. must address immigration "in a lawful and practical manner, including properly funding immigration courts."

[1] OnTheIssues: Everett Wess on immigration

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

BARRY MOORE

As a state legislator, voted for tax credits for families moving children from failing schools to private schools (2013) and for protections of student religious expression (2015).

[1] OnTheIssues: Barry Moore on education

VOTING RECORD

Yes One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1), July 2025 — created a federal tax credit for donations to K–12 scholarship organizations

EVERETT WESS

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

BARRY MOORE

Acknowledged concerns about energy costs but said the Trump administration's energy policies are heading in the right direction.

[1] ABC 33/40: Moore, Wess outline priorities

VOTING RECORD

Yes Resolution overturning EPA approval of California vehicle-emission rules (H.J.Res. 87), Apr. 2025

Yes Homeowner Energy Freedom Act (H.R. 4758), Feb. 2026 — repeals home-electrification rebates from the 2022 climate law

EVERETT WESS

No public position found.

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