

U.S. House, District 3

Competitive Des Moines-area seat; Nunn seeks a third term.

Sarah Trone Garriott

DEMOCRAT · CHALLENGER

State senator from West Des Moines; ELCA Lutheran pastor and interfaith coordinator.

Zach Nunn

REPUBLICAN · INCUMBENT

U.S. Representative since 2023; Air Force colonel and former state senator.

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](#))

SARAH TRONE GARRIOTT

No public position found.

ZACH NUNN

Backed the Iran war’s nuclear rationale while calling for it to be resolved quickly; voted against war powers resolutions through mid-2026, then for one in September 2026. Voted against the 2026 Ukraine Support Act.

[1] [Des Moines Register: Nunn backs Trump on Iran war, calls for fast end](#)

[2] [House Roll Call 199](#) (June 2026): Iran war powers resolution

[3] [House Roll Call 307](#) (Sept. 2026): Iran war powers resolution

[4] [House Roll Call 207](#) (2026): Ukraine Support Act

VOTING RECORD

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

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

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](#)

SARAH TRONE GARRIOTT

Supports the PRO Act and strong Davis-Bacon prevailing-wage enforcement; cites a 100% lifetime record with the Iowa Federation of Labor.

[1] [Trone Garriott: Right to organize](#)

RECORD IN OFFICE

No SF 542 (2023), changing youth employment rules, including hours and jobs permitted for minors; final passage

ZACH NUNN

Voted for the 2025 Protect America’s Workforce Act restoring federal workers’ collective bargaining; voted against the 2026 Faster Labor Contracts Act.

[1] [House Roll Call 332](#) (2025): Protect America’s Workforce Act

[2] [House Roll Call 216](#) (2026): Faster Labor Contracts Act

VOTING RECORD

Yes 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

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](#)

SARAH TRONE GARRIOTT
Would “roll back the massive Medicaid cuts” in the 2025 law, extend ACA tax credits, and supports a public option.
[\[1\] Trone Garriott: Health care](#)
[\[2\] Iowa Capital Dispatch: Trone Garriott calls for public option](#)
RECORD IN OFFICE
No SF 615 (2025), establishing work requirements for Iowa’s Medicaid expansion and other public assistance programs; final passage

ZACH NUNN
Voted for the 2025 reconciliation law; was one of 17 House Republicans to vote for a three-year extension of enhanced ACA tax credits in January 2026.
[\[1\] House Roll Call 190 \(2025\): One Big Beautiful Bill Act final passage](#)
[\[2\] House Roll Call 11 \(2026\): Breaking the Gridlock Act \(ACA credit extension\)](#)
[\[3\] Fiscal Times: House passes 3-year extension of Obamacare subsidies](#)
VOTING RECORD
Yes One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1), final passage July 2025 — tax cuts with Medicaid and SNAP changes
Yes Breaking the Gridlock Act (H.R. 1834), Jan. 2026 — extends enhanced ACA premium tax credits through 2028

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](#)

SARAH TRONE GARRIOTT
Pledges to “restore nationwide protections for abortion access” and safeguard contraception, IVF and prenatal care.
[\[1\] Trone Garriott: Reproductive freedom](#)
RECORD IN OFFICE
No HF 732 (2023), prohibiting abortion after detection of a fetal heartbeat; final passage

ZACH NUNN
His campaign says he “voted for exceptions, including life of mother, rape, and incest,” opposes a federal ban, saying the issue should be left to states, and has “fought for access to contraceptives and IVF.” Voted for the 2025 Born-Alive Act.
[\[1\] Iowa Capital Dispatch: Nunn pushes back on abortion ad](#)
[\[2\] House Roll Call 27 \(2025\): Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act](#)
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

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](#)

SARAH TRONE GARRIOTT
No public position found.

ZACH NUNN
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](#)

SARAH TRONE GARRIOTT
Supports comprehensive reform: tighter border security, simpler routes to legal status, protection for Dreamers, and holding ICE to legal standards and public accountability.
[\[1\] Trone Garriott: Immigration](#)
RECORD IN OFFICE
No SF 2340 (2024), creating a state crime of illegal reentry and allowing state orders to return to a foreign nation

ZACH NUNN
Voted for the Laken Riley Act (2025), requiring detention of migrants charged with theft-related crimes.
[\[1\] House Roll Call 23 \(2025\): Laken Riley Act](#)
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

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

SARAH TRONE GARRIOTT

Opposes “diverting millions of taxpayer dollars to private school vouchers,” linking them to rural school closures.

[1] Trone Garriott: Public schools

RECORD IN OFFICE

No HF 68 (2023), establishing education savings accounts usable for private school tuition; final passage

ZACH NUNN

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

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

CARE FOR CREATION

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

SARAH TRONE GARRIOTT

Supports investment in wind, solar and biofuels and sustainable farming practices: “We can tackle climate change and strengthen our economy at the same time.”

[1] Trone Garriott: Land, water and clean energy

RECORD IN OFFICE

Yes HF 639 (2025), setting common carrier and permitting requirements for hazardous liquid (carbon dioxide) pipelines

ZACH NUNN

Voted for year-round E15 sales (2026) and for a 2025 resolution overturning EPA approval of California’s vehicle-emissions standards.

[1] House Roll Call 164 (2026): Nationwide Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act

[2] House Roll Call 114 (2025): Disapproval of EPA California vehicle standards

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

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