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U.S. House, District 3

Incumbent Bob Onder (R) seeks reelection. District lines redrawn for 2026 (map subject to legal dispute per Ballotpedia).



Bethany Mann

DEMOCRAT · CHALLENGER

Environmental chemist from St. Peters who has worked on crop, lead and "forever chemicals" testing.



Bob Onder

REPUBLICAN · INCUMBENT

U.S. Representative since 2025; physician and former Missouri 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)

BETHANY MANN

Says she would vote for a war powers resolution "directing the removal of U.S. forces from unauthorized hostilities against Iran" and would oppose funding unauthorized escalation.

[1] Mann opposes unauthorized war with Iran (Oct. 21, 2026)

BOB ONDER

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

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

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

BETHANY MANN

Supports the PRO Act and says "Right to Work is wrong for Missouri"; calls for a paid moratorium on new data center construction, with developers continuing to pay affected union workers.

[1] Ballotpedia: Bethany Mann
[2] Mann calls for data center moratorium (Oct. 10, 2026)

BOB ONDER

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

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

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

BETHANY MANN

Supports Medicare for All and notes Missourians "overwhelmingly voted for Medicaid expansion"; says no one should "choose between paying rent and buying insulin."

[1] Ballotpedia: Bethany Mann
[2] Bethany Mann for Congress: Platform

BOB ONDER

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

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

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

BETHANY MANN

Supports passing the John Lewis Voting Rights Act and "removing barriers to voting"; says gerrymandered districts "do not truly represent voters in MO."

[1] Ballotpedia: Bethany Mann
[2] Bethany Mann for Congress: Platform

BOB ONDER

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

VOTING RECORD

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

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

BETHANY MANN

Says "abortion is healthcare" and supports the Women's Health Protection Act, the Equal Rights Amendment and expanded telehealth access.

[1] Bethany Mann for Congress: Platform
[2] Ballotpedia: Bethany Mann

BOB ONDER

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

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

BETHANY MANN

No public position found.

BOB ONDER

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

BETHANY MANN

No public position found.

BOB ONDER

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

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

BETHANY MANN

Supports "full and equal funding for public education" from pre-K through higher education and union apprenticeships; no stated position on vouchers or religious liberty.

[1] Bethany Mann for Congress: Platform

BOB ONDER

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

BETHANY MANN

Says climate change will significantly affect Missouri farmland; backs clean air and water protections, extreme-weather preparation, energy efficiency and renewable-energy jobs.

[1] Ballotpedia: Bethany Mann
[2] Bethany Mann for Congress: Platform

BOB ONDER

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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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