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# U.S. House, District 2

Incumbent Jeff Van Drew (R) seeks reelection.



### Jeff Van Drew

REPUBLICAN · INCUMBENT

U.S. Representative since 2019; former New Jersey state senator and dentist.



### Ramon Mora Jr.

INDEPENDENT · CHALLENGER

Independent candidate with a background in healthcare.



### Zack Mullock

DEMOCRAT · CHALLENGER

Mayor of Cape May for six years after eight years on the Cape May City Council.

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)

**JEFF VAN DREW**

*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

**RAMON MORA JR.**

*No public position found.*

**ZACK MULLOCK**

*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

**JEFF VAN DREW**

*No campaign statement found. See voting record below.*

**VOTING RECORD**

**Yes** Protect America's Workforce Act (H.R. 2550), Dec. 2025 — nullifies the executive order ending union bargaining for many federal workers

**Yes** Faster Labor Contracts Act (H.R. 5408), June 2026 — sets deadlines for reaching first union contracts

**RAMON MORA JR.**

*No public position found.*

**ZACK MULLOCK**

*No public position found.*

## 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

**JEFF VAN DREW**

*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

**RAMON MORA JR.**

Lists affordability in housing, healthcare and groceries as a priority and calls for replacing health insurance with "Medicare for all."

[1] Ballotpedia: Ramon Mora Jr.

**ZACK MULLOCK**

Says "Healthcare is a human right"; supports protecting Medicaid, expanding Medicare to dental, vision and hearing, working toward "Medicare for All," and opposes Social Security cuts.

[1] Ballotpedia: Zack Mullock

## 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

### JEFF VAN DREW

*No campaign statement found. See voting record below.*

**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

### RAMON MORA JR.

*No public position found.*

### ZACK MULLOCK

*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

### JEFF VAN DREW

*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

### RAMON MORA JR.

*No public position found.*

### ZACK MULLOCK

*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

### JEFF VAN DREW

*No public position found.*

### RAMON MORA JR.

*No public position found.*

### ZACK MULLOCK

*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

### JEFF VAN DREW

*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

### RAMON MORA JR.

Lists "Abolish, prosecute, replace ICE" with a new "American Defense Unit" as a policy priority.

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### ZACK MULLOCK

*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

### JEFF VAN DREW

*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

### RAMON MORA JR.

*No public position found.*

### ZACK MULLOCK

*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

### JEFF VAN DREW

*No campaign statement found. See voting record below.*

**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

### RAMON MORA JR.

Supports "Stronger enviromental protections (one planet)."

[1] Ballotpedia: Ramon Mora Jr.

### ZACK MULLOCK

Says "Clean energy is both an environmental and economic issue" and backs federal investment in coastal resiliency, wetland restoration, and clean air and water.

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