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U.S. House, District 3

Open seat (Rep. Dwight Evans, D, retiring); no Republican is on the ballot.



Dennis Mahoney

INDEPENDENT · OPEN SEAT

Founder of AOI Solutions, a disaster relief and humanitarian response firm.



Christopher Rabb

DEMOCRAT · OPEN SEAT

Pennsylvania state representative (District 200) since 2016; former Temple and Drexel faculty member.

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)

DENNIS MAHONEY

No public position found.

CHRISTOPHER RABB

Calls for "An End to Regime Change" and a new War Powers Act, and says the "genocide in Gaza must end."

[1] Ballotpedia: Christopher Rabb

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

DENNIS MAHONEY

No public position found.

CHRISTOPHER RABB

Supports "Regulating AI and Big Data," a Workers' Bill of Rights and union representation on corporate boards.

[1] Ballotpedia: Christopher Rabb

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

DENNIS MAHONEY

Lists affordability and care for people in vulnerable circumstances as priorities, saying he wants to help people afford healthcare, housing and food.

[1] Ballotpedia: Dennis Mahoney

CHRISTOPHER RABB

Supports "Universal Basic Guarantees" — Medicare for All, housing, food and water — plus universal childcare from birth to age 5.

[1] Ballotpedia: Christopher Rabb

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

DENNIS MAHONEY

No public position found.

CHRISTOPHER RABB

Supports "Strengthen Voting Rights," public financing of elections and fixing "rigged election maps."

[1] Ballotpedia: Christopher Rabb

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

DENNIS MAHONEY

No public position found.

CHRISTOPHER RABB

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

DENNIS MAHONEY

No public position found.

CHRISTOPHER RABB

Calls to abolish the death penalty and "death by incarceration."

[1] Ballotpedia: Christopher Rabb

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

DENNIS MAHONEY

No public position found.

CHRISTOPHER RABB

Calls to "Abolish ICE" and dismantle immigrant detention centers, saying ICE "terrorizes our neighbors."

[1] Ballotpedia: Christopher Rabb

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

DENNIS MAHONEY

No public position found.

CHRISTOPHER RABB

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

DENNIS MAHONEY

No public position found.

CHRISTOPHER RABB

Supports a Civil Climate Corps, a just transition to 100% renewable energy and a halt to hyperscale data centers.

[1] Ballotpedia: Christopher Rabb

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