

U.S. House, District 2

Virginia voters approved a new congressional map in April 2026, but the state Supreme Court struck it down, so the existing district lines are in use. Rematch: incumbent Jen Kiggans (R) unseated Elaine Luria (D) in 2022.

Jen Kiggans

REPUBLICAN · INCUMBENT

U.S. Representative since 2023; nurse practitioner and Navy veteran.

Elaine Luria

DEMOCRAT · CHALLENGER

Former U.S. Representative (2019–2023) and retired Navy commander.

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)

JEN KIGGANS

Supports the 2026 Iran war, citing goals of destroying Iran’s missile, naval and nuclear capabilities; voted against Iran war powers resolutions. Voted for the Ukraine Support Act (2026).

- [1] Virginia Mercury: Kiggans on Iran war
- [2] 13News Now: Virginia lawmakers on Iran
- [3] House roll call 199 (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): **No** Mar., Apr., May, June, July, Sept.

Yes Ukraine Support Act (H.R. 2913), June 2026 — authorizes support for Ukraine

ELAINE LURIA

Calls the Iran war “another unnecessary and endless military intervention in the Middle East”; describes herself as an “unabashed supporter” of the U.S.-Israel relationship.

- [1] Luria campaign: Issues
- [2] Haaretz: Luria on Israel

RECORD IN OFFICE

No H.R. 256, June 2021 — repeals the 2002 Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq

Yes Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act (H.R. 7691), May 2022 — military and humanitarian aid to 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

JEN KIGGANS

Voted against the Faster Labor Contracts Act (2026) and the Protect America’s Workforce Act (2025).

- [1] House roll call 216 (2026): Faster Labor Contracts Act
- [2] House roll call 332 (2025): Protect America’s Workforce Act

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

ELAINE LURIA

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

RECORD IN OFFICE

Yes PRO Act (H.R. 842), Mar. 2021 — expands workers’ rights to organize and bargain collectively

Yes CHIPS and Science Act (H.R. 4346), July 2022 — semiconductor manufacturing incentives and research funding

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

JEN KIGGANS

Voted for the 2025 reconciliation law. Co-led a bipartisan framework to extend ACA premium tax credits but voted against the three-year extension bill (2026).

[1] [House roll call 190 \(2025\): One Big Beautiful Bill Act](#)

[2] [Kiggans campaign: Issues](#)

[3] [House roll call 11 \(2026\): H.R. 1834 \(ACA subsidy discharge bill\)](#)

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

ELAINE LURIA

Criticizes the 2025 reconciliation law’s SNAP and Medicaid changes and calls for restoring the Medicaid funding it cut.

[1] [Luria campaign: Issues](#)

RECORD IN OFFICE

Yes Raise the Wage Act (H.R. 582), July 2019 — raises the federal minimum wage to \$15 by 2025

Yes American Rescue Plan Act (H.R. 1319), Mar. 2021 — COVID relief, including an expanded child tax credit

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

JEN KIGGANS

Says abortion law should be set by the states and has signaled support for a 15-week limit with exceptions; voted for the Born-Alive Act (2025). Supports access to contraception and IVF.

[1] [Kiggans campaign: Issues](#)

[2] [VPM: Hampton Roads races](#)

[3] [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

ELAINE LURIA

Says she voted in Congress to codify Roe v. Wade and will fight to “enshrine the right to choose into federal law.”

[1] [Ballotpedia: Elaine Luria \(campaign website\)](#)

RECORD IN OFFICE

Yes Women’s Health Protection Act (H.R. 3755), Sept. 2021 — establishes a statutory right to provide and obtain abortion services

Yes Women’s Health Protection Act (H.R. 8296), July 2022 — establishes a statutory right to provide and obtain abortion services

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

JEN KIGGANS

No public position found.

ELAINE LURIA

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

JEN KIGGANS

Supports President Trump’s border-security efforts and cites her votes for border funding; voted for the Laken Riley Act (2025) and against the Haiti TPS bill (2026).

[1] [Kiggans campaign: Issues](#)

[2] [House roll call 6 \(2025\): Laken Riley Act](#)

[3] [House roll call 120 \(2026\): Haiti TPS designation bill](#)

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

ELAINE LURIA

Supported border-security efforts while “providing a pathway to citizenship for those who follow our nation’s laws.”

[1] [Luria campaign: Issues](#)

RECORD IN OFFICE

Yes American Dream and Promise Act (H.R. 6), Mar. 2021 — path to permanent residence for Dreamers and TPS holders

Yes Farm Workforce Modernization Act (H.R. 1603), Mar. 2021 — legal status path for farmworkers; revises H-2A visas

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](#)

JEN KIGGANS

Campaign calls her “a staunch advocate for school choice” and cites her vote for the Parents Bill of Rights.

[\[1\] Kiggans campaign: Issues](#)

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

ELAINE LURIA

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

RECORD IN OFFICE

Yes Equality Act (H.R. 5), Feb. 2021 — adds sexual orientation and gender identity to federal civil rights law

Yes Respect for Marriage Act (H.R. 8404), Dec. 2022 — federal recognition of same-sex marriages; includes religious-organization provisions

CARE FOR CREATION

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

JEN KIGGANS

Voted to overturn California’s vehicle-emissions waiver (2025) and for the 2025 reconciliation law, which phased out many clean-energy tax credits.

[\[1\] House roll call 111 \(2025\): H.J.Res. 87, disapproving EPA California vehicle waiver](#)
[\[2\] House roll call 190 \(2025\): One Big Beautiful Bill Act](#)

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

ELAINE LURIA

Founded the bipartisan Offshore Wind Caucus; pledges to combat climate change’s local impact, oppose offshore drilling and restore the Chesapeake Bay.

[\[1\] Luria campaign: Issues](#)

RECORD IN OFFICE

Yes Climate Action Now Act (H.R. 9), May 2019 — requires U.S. to meet its Paris Agreement commitments

Yes Inflation Reduction Act (H.R. 5376), Aug. 2022 — clean-energy tax credits, health provisions and tax changes

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