

# U.S. House, District 3

Top-two general. 2026).

## John Braun

REPUBLICAN · CHALLENGER

Washington State Senate Republican Leader; retired Navy captain and emergency-vehicle manufacturer.

## Marie Gluesenkamp Perez

DEMOCRAT · INCUMBENT

U.S. Representative since 2023; co-owner of an auto repair shop.

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 \(Vatican News via The Good Newsroom\)](#)

#### JOHN BRAUN

Supports “a lethal, modern force,” rebuilding the Navy and submarine fleet, and maintaining deterrence.

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

#### MARIE GLUESENKAMP PEREZ

Voted for a March 2026 war powers resolution to remove U.S. forces from hostilities with Iran and for the Ukraine Support Act (June 2026).

[\[1\] Roll call 85 \(2026\): Iran war powers resolution](#)

[\[2\] Roll call 207 \(2026\): Ukraine Support Act](#)

#### VOTING RECORD

Iran war powers resolutions, Mar.–Sept. 2026 (six House votes): **Yes** Mar., Apr., May, June, July, Sept.

**Yes** 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](#)

#### JOHN BRAUN

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

#### RECORD IN OFFICE

**No** SB 5041 (2025), unemployment insurance benefits for workers on strike or locked out — final passage

#### MARIE GLUESENKAMP PEREZ

Voted for the Faster Labor Contracts Act (2026) and for restoring federal employees’ collective bargaining rights (2025).

[\[1\] Roll call 216 \(2026\): Faster Labor Contracts Act](#)

[\[2\] Roll call 332 \(2025\): Protect America’s Workforce 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

**Yes** 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](#)

### JOHN BRAUN

Called the 2025 law’s Medicaid changes “commonsense reforms” to reduce Medicaid growth and said its work requirements have broad support; prioritizes health care competition and price transparency.

[\[1\] The Columbian: health care in WA-3](#)

#### RECORD IN OFFICE

**Yes** ESHB 1297 (2021), funding the Working Families Tax Credit for low- and moderate-income households — Senate passage

### MARIE GLUESENKAMP PEREZ

Opposed the 2025 law’s Medicaid changes, saying it “adds more paperwork”; voted against it and for the three-year ACA credit extension (2026). Supports expanding the Child Tax Credit.

[\[1\] The Columbian: health care in WA-3](#)

[\[2\] Gluesenkamp Perez campaign: Issues](#)

[\[3\] Roll call 190 \(2025\): H.R. 1 final passage](#)

[\[4\] Roll call 11 \(2026\): H.R. 1834, ACA tax credit extension](#)

#### VOTING RECORD

**No** 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](#)

### JOHN BRAUN

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

#### RECORD IN OFFICE

**No** ESHB 1469 (2023), shielding reproductive and gender-affirming care providers and patients from out-of-state legal action — final passage

**No** SB 5242 (2023), prohibiting insurance cost sharing for abortion — Senate passage

### MARIE GLUESENKAMP PEREZ

Says she “will do whatever it takes to prevent a national abortion ban”; voted against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (2025) and the 2026 pregnancy-center funding bill.

[\[1\] Gluesenkamp Perez campaign: Issues](#)

[\[2\] Roll call 27 \(2025\): Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act](#)

[\[3\] Roll call 37 \(2026\): H.R. 6945, pregnancy centers](#)

#### VOTING RECORD

**No** Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (H.R. 21), Jan. 2025 — requires care for infants born alive after an attempted abortion

**No** 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](#)

### JOHN BRAUN

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

#### RECORD IN OFFICE

**No** SB 5087 (2023), removing the state’s death penalty statutes, previously struck down by the state Supreme Court — Senate passage

### MARIE GLUESENKAMP PEREZ

*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](#)

### JOHN BRAUN

Pledges to complete border barriers, hire more agents, “tighten asylum loopholes,” and go after cartel supply chains.

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

#### RECORD IN OFFICE

**No** SB 5497 (2019), Keep Washington Working Act limiting state and local aid to federal immigration enforcement — final passage

### MARIE GLUESENKAMP PEREZ

Voted for the Laken Riley Act requiring detention of migrants charged with theft (2025), for the 2026 DHS funding bill, and for requiring temporary protected status for Haitians (2026).

[\[1\] Roll call 23 \(2025\): Laken Riley Act](#)

[\[2\] Roll call 87 \(2026\): DHS appropriations](#)

[\[3\] Roll call 120 \(2026\): H.R. 1689, Haiti TPS](#)

#### VOTING RECORD

**Yes** Laken Riley Act (S. 5), Jan. 2025 — requires detention of undocumented immigrants charged with theft and certain crimes

**No** Secure America Act (S. 2), June 2026 — reconciliation funding for ICE and Customs and Border Protection

**Yes** 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

**JOHN BRAUN**

Supports a federal Parents Bill of Rights, saying parents — “not bureaucrats” — should know what happens in classrooms.

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

**RECORD IN OFFICE**

**No** SB 5375 (2025), adding clergy to mandatory child-abuse reporters without an exemption for confession — Senate passage

**MARIE GLUESENKAMP PEREZ**

Voted against the 2025 reconciliation law, which created a federal tax credit for donations to K–12 scholarship-granting organizations.

[\[1\] Roll call 190 \(2025\): H.R. 1 final passage](#)  
[\[2\] Public Law 119-21 text \(2025 reconciliation law\)](#)

**VOTING RECORD**

**No** 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

**JOHN BRAUN**

Says “Affordable energy = affordable life”; backs market-based hydropower, solar, oil, natural gas and nuclear production, citing AI data-center demand.

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

**RECORD IN OFFICE**

**No** SB 5126 (2021), Climate Commitment Act creating a cap-and-invest program for greenhouse gas emissions — final passage

**MARIE GLUESENKAMP PEREZ**

Says climate change “is real and is man-made” and supports cheap energy from traditional and renewable sources; voted against repealing IRA home-electrification rebates (2026) and for overturning California’s clean-car waiver (2025).

[\[1\] Gluesenkamp Perez campaign: Issues](#)  
[\[2\] Roll call 78 \(2026\): Homeowner Energy Freedom Act](#)  
[\[3\] Roll call 114 \(2025\): disapproval of California clean-car waiver](#)

**VOTING RECORD**

**Yes** Resolution overturning EPA approval of California vehicle-emission rules (H.J.Res. 87), Apr. 2025

**No** Homeowner Energy Freedom Act (H.R. 4758), Feb. 2026 — repeals home-electrification rebates from the 2022 climate law

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