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U.S. House, District 7

Open seat (Rep. Tom Tiffany (R) is running for governor).



Michael Alfonso

REPUBLICAN · OPEN SEAT

Former producer of The Dan Bongino Show who has worked in the construction and concrete industries; UW–Madison mathematics graduate.



Fred Clark

DEMOCRAT · OPEN SEAT

Forester and owner of Clark Forestry, Inc.; Wisconsin state representative from 2009 to 2015.

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)

MICHAEL ALFONSO

Says Washington "poured billions of dollars into forever wars and foreign aid" and pledges to "put America First" and "stop wasteful foreign spending."

[1] Michael Alfonso — Issues

FRED CLARK

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

MICHAEL ALFONSO

No public position found.

FRED CLARK

Calls for "effective government oversight" of AI, citing job losses, including a national data privacy law, independent safety testing and a federal AI regulatory agency.

[1] Clark for Wisconsin — Making AI Work for Us

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

MICHAEL ALFONSO

Pledges to "lower costs, increase transparency, and prioritize patients — not bureaucrats and insurers" in health care; no position on Medicaid or SNAP found.

[1] Michael Alfonso — Issues

FRED CLARK

Criticizes Medicaid cuts and ACA subsidy loss in the 2025 reconciliation law; supports "protecting, expanding, and strengthening Medicare and Medicaid" and a public option for everyone.

[1] Clark for Wisconsin — Health Care for Everyone

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

MICHAEL ALFONSO

No public position found.

FRED CLARK

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

MICHAEL ALFONSO

Describes himself as "100% Pro Life" from conception to natural death; opposes expanding mail-order abortion pills and "rejects efforts to expand assisted suicide."

[1] Michael Alfonso — Issues

FRED CLARK

Says he has "firmly supported women's freedom to make choices about reproductive care" and backs "ensuring access to abortion, contraception" in federal law.

[1] Clark for Wisconsin — Women's Rights and Women's Health
[2] Clark for Wisconsin — Health Care for Everyone

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

MICHAEL ALFONSO

No public position found.

FRED CLARK

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

MICHAEL ALFONSO

Says "mass immigration, including programs like H-1B, hurts American workers and undercuts wages" and pledges to protect "our workers and national identity."

[1] Michael Alfonso — Issues

FRED CLARK

Backs a secure border and deporting criminals, but says enforcement should not mean "mass, quota-driven deportations"; would require federal officers to show their faces and reform asylum and guest-worker programs.

[1] Clark for Wisconsin — Border Safety and Immigration

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

MICHAEL ALFONSO

Pledges to "hold the line on religious liberty," citing pandemic worship restrictions, and to "support school choice" and homeschooling protections.

[1] Michael Alfonso — Issues

FRED CLARK

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

MICHAEL ALFONSO

No public position found.

FRED CLARK

No public position found.

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