



2024 Congressional Candidate Questionnaire

CANDIDATE NAME: Steven Holden (D-NY-21)

1. How well do you think most members of Congress understand the policy views of their constituents as a whole, so they know where the majority stands? **Not Very Well**
2. How responsive do you think most members of Congress are to the views of their constituents as a whole? **Not Very Responsive**
3. When voting on legislation, how much do you think a Representative should take into account the views of their constituents as a whole? **A Lot**
4. Do you think gridlock in Congress is driven more by:
 - a. polarization among the American people - or -
 - b. polarization among members of Congress? **Both A and B Equally**
5. Do you think that if the people had a greater voice in the policymaking process, Congress would be more or less likely to solve problems facing the country? **Much More Likely**
6. Would you commit, if elected, to:
 - a. Pay more attention to the views of your constituents than to other interests? **Yes**
 - b. Listen to and take into account the views of your constituents as a whole before voting on important legislation? **Yes**
7. Public consultations, with large representative samples of constituents, offer a way for the people to have their voice heard and for members of Congress to better understand the views of their constituents on legislative proposals. Public consultations are conducted in states and districts by credible nonpartisan organizations and universities.

Are you interested in learning more about how you could, as a Representative, engage in public consultations with your constituents? **Yes**