

## United States House of Representatives

Annual salary for US Representatives is \$174,000 per year plus some benefits; congressional leaders receive more. An annual allowance is also provided to defray office expenses including staff. Cost-of-living increases may take effect before those elected in 2018 take office. Term of office is two years, with no term limits. Candidate Blake E. Stanley (R) did not respond.

### **What experience, qualifications and interests do you have that would encourage voters to select you for this office?**

**Liz Cheney (R):** As Wyoming's lone voice in the U.S. House of Representatives, I have championed conservative reform to create jobs, cut taxes and regulation, expand America's energy, mining and ag industries and restore the strength and power of our nation's standing in the world. As a proud constitutional conservative, I have co-sponsored legislation that would crack down on illegal immigration, preserve the constitutional rights of gun owners across America by expanding concealed carry reciprocity and protect life with bills that expand the Hyde Amendment, defund Planned Parenthood, and ensure Obamacare doesn't provide taxpayer funds for abortion.

**Travis Helm (D):** Voters can be confident in me because I have solid Wyoming connections and credentials. I grew-up on family ranch, pulling calves in spring snowstorms. I worked in residential and commercial construction and I cleaned, painted, and repaired cars, before going on to law school. I'm proud of my UW College of Law education and know it will serve us well in Congress. As a lawmaker, it's important to have an understanding and awareness of the unforeseen consequences of passing a law. I believe we would be well served to spend every other year editing and erasing ineffective laws.

**Greg Hunter (D):** After 30+ years working for Federal Agencies and public lands, I have the skills and experience to protect our lands, navigate legislation, and save the taxpayer money while achieving the goals important to Wyomingites. Progressive ideas have led to American accomplishments. Wyoming can be progressive and still maintain its Cowboy character. I will work to support Wyoming Energy, Tourism, Public Education and Agriculture. Civil Rights, Bussing and Creation vs. Evolution issues have shaped my understanding of equality, life, democracy, and the American experience. I will strive to protect Universal Health Care, overturn Citizens United, and bring forth compassionate immigration reform.

**Rod Miller (R):** I am a Wyoming native from a family that has been in Wyoming for more than 150 years. I worked in the offices of two Wyoming governors, Ed Herschler and Mike Sullivan, primarily doing natural resources and federal lands work. I have a deep understanding of how good government should operate in the Cowboy State, as well as issues crucial to the state gained from that experience.

### **How would you work through the contentiousness in the US House and Senate?**

**Liz Cheney (R):** It's critical that Wyoming's representative in Congress has the knowledge, experience and proven track record to educate people outside Wyoming to gain support for our issues. During my time in Congress I have successfully built and lead national coalitions to defeat the efforts of radical environmentalists who target our industry, our business and way of life. I also worked across the aisle with Democrats to introduce legislation that delists the gray wolf in Wyoming and the Great Lakes Region. At this critical moment, it essential that have the strongest voice possible to build coalitions and get results in Washington.

**Travis Helm (D):** I would be an effective Representative because I choose my people over my party. I'm dedicated to Wyoming and Wyoming values, this will be a refreshing change in Washington and people will respect that. It will be effective because I will be looking out for Wyoming and not a national party and their priorities. Instead of being the first in line with whatever my party says, I will be someone that lawmakers want to meet with to build consensus. By being independent, I will make Wyoming's vote actually worth something and we will be able to negotiate the best outcomes for our state.

**Greg Hunter (D):** I ask questions. I listen. Discussion leads to learning. I will attempt to discover common ground and experience and then work on the parts of issues where I find agreement with the other side of the aisle. I will always put Wyoming first but I will not be rolled over by my party or the other for the sake of expediency just to obtain a "win" for the team. I try to imagine myself in the other person's shoes. Science, empathy, a culmination of my experiences with fellow human beings, and a genuine love of Wyoming inform me.

**Rod Miller (R):** First and foremost, I will conduct myself in a civil manner both through this campaign and also in office if I'm elected. I will not engage in partisan one-upsmanship, but will rather focus on the work at hand and how to accomplish it collaboratively. If I'm fortunate enough to be elected, I plan to host a big get-together for all freshman members of the House....informal, with beer and music....to give us all a chance to meet one another as people before the work starts on the floor.

**Within the last year, US clean air and clean water regulations have been relaxed. How would you balance the need for environmental protection with the call for less governmental regulation?**

**Liz Cheney (R):** It's our local citizens who are the best stewards of our resources and lands. My first bill signed into law by President Trump overturned Planning 2.0, a federal power grab that would have expanded the control exercised by environmental groups and bureaucrats over our land. We also used the Congressional Review Act to undo the National Wild Life Hunting and Fishing Rule, the Stream Buffer Rule and the OSHA Power Grab Rule. We must be vigilant in pursuing every opportunity to reduce federal overreach, streamline regulations and return as much authority as possible to our states and local communities.

**Travis Helm (D):** Clean air and water are life necessities that we must honor and respect. It can be easy to forget this in Wyoming where we are blessed with the some of the cleanest air and water in the country. It is not a balance of environment versus regulation, the regulations are intended to maintain our environment. We need to continue to evaluate and improve our regulations, making them easier to understand and assuring they are effective in their intended purposes. Electing individuals, such as myself, with experience in the working world will help to create smarter regulations.

**Greg Hunter (D):** I care about science and your health. My professional career has focused primarily on EPA-derived protections. Many states do not adhere to Federal EPA because they feel these requirements are too burdensome. Think Flint, Michigan. EPA protections are not designed to kill business, they are proposed to save constituents from breathing or drinking contaminates which may impact their health. Many citizens are drinking contaminated water now but they do not know it. The EPA has been obstructed from looking at these chemicals, due to Congress's capture by Corporations. Choose science over corporate interests for Wyoming's future. Vote.

**Rod Miller (R):** "Balance" is the operative word in your question. "Ecology" and "economy" both derive from the same Greek word, eikos, meaning "home". So, making sure our collective home is both healthy and wealthy WILL require balance. Government regulation, of course, has its place in our civic life, but must be balanced against our need for a strong economy. It will require wisdom on a case-by-case basis to strike that balance. But acknowledging that balance is necessary is the first step.