

**Candidate:** Brian Munroe

**Position:** House District 144

**Party Affiliation:** Democrat

The statements below required a response using the following scale:

1. Strongly Agree
  2. Somewhat Agree
  3. Somewhat Disagree
  4. Strongly Disagree
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### **1. Greater Than Hate Pledge**

*If elected, I will support the **Greater Than Hate Parents Week Action Pledge***

***I pledge to defend our kids and families from the hateful actions of extremist groups and hostile politicians.***

*In 2023 the NAACP, the Human Rights Campaign, Everytown for Gun Safety, the National Education Association, the National Women's Law Center, Equality Federation, Asians Fighting Injustice, and the National Center for Transgender Equality have launched the [Greater Than Hate Coalition](#), a collective, multi-racial, multi-cultural movement with the aim of fighting back against extremist politicians and their growing and loud campaign of hate.*

**Response:** Strongly Agree

Regardless of your sexual orientation, gender identity, sex, and/or race, all people should be treated equally under the law. I am a proud ally of the LGBTQ+ community and believe love is love. Everyone should be afforded the same opportunities to thrive and live out their full potential.

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### **2. Protecting voter rights ([commoncause.org](https://www.commoncause.org))**

*If elected, I will support legislation to lower barriers to voting, including: 1. making improvements to our vote-by-mail system (such as allowing counties to process mail and absentee ballots before Election Day and removing barriers that invalidate ballots for immaterial reasons, such as requiring the use of secrecy envelopes or that ballots are dated); 2. providing sufficient state-level election funding to all poll workers, increase of penalties for those who harass or threaten election workers; and 3. implementing risk-limiting post-election audits (as mandated by the courts).*

**Response:** Strongly Agree

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**3. Redistricting** ([fairdistrictspa.com](http://fairdistrictspa.com))

One of the NAACP Bucks County's priorities is equitable academic and educational access in Bucks County.

*If elected, I will support legislation to create a single independent citizen redistricting commission, insulated from legislative influence, responsible for Congressional, House, and Senate maps, with redistricting criteria that are clear, enforceable, and prioritized in a way that gives commissioners guidance as they balance conflicting demands. Potential criteria for fairness include population equality, geographic compactness, community integrity, partisan fairness, and minimal efficiency gap.*

**Response:** Strongly Agree

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**4. Policing reform** ("[A Roadmap to a New Pennsylvania](#)")

*If elected, I will support legislation for policing reforms including: 1. prohibiting local governments from relying on police departments to generate revenues; 2. funding police training in de-escalation techniques; 3. funding mandatory video monitoring of police-community interactions; 4. creating a process that allows victims and their families to request a special prosecutor (rather than a local prosecutor) to investigate police shootings on the part of local police; 5. require the collecting and reporting of basic data on police shootings and other forms of police violence to a state database; 6. require the collecting and reporting of demographic information on use of force incidents, traffic stops, and investigative stops to a state database.*

**Response:** Somewhat Agree

As a former Police Officer, I know the difficulties of the job however I believe many reforms can be implemented to better improve the lives of both officers and the communities they serve. Everyday we trust our lives and our safety to the brave men and women of the force and we must ensure high standards and fairness in the justice system. I cannot agree to all reforms presented here without more knowledge on the policies. I believe that input from law enforcement professionals is necessary when considering such policy.

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**5. Preventing gun violence** ([ceasefirepa.org](http://ceasefirepa.org))

*If elected, I will support legislation to prevent gun violence including: 1. requiring background checks on the private sales of long guns; 2. requiring secure storage of weapons in the home when not in use; 3. requiring the reporting of the loss or theft of a firearm within three days of discovery; and 4. establishing "Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs)" which allows family members and law enforcement to petition a judge to temporarily remove guns from individuals in crisis (without subjecting them to an involuntary mental-health commitment).*

**Response: Strongly Agree**

My time as a trained police officer showed me the importance of responsible gun ownership. The key word is responsible. I believe in our right to responsibly own guns, and support training courses on appropriate use, safe handling, and safe storage that will save lives from being lost. Mental health treatment should also be accessible to stop preventable gun violence.

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**6. Improving working conditions** ("[A Roadmap to a New Pennsylvania](#)" and [krc-pbpc.org](http://krc-pbpc.org))

*If elected, I will support legislation to: 1. raise the minimum wage to \$15 by 2025, and thereafter making annual adjustments to maintain the purchasing power of the minimum relative to the median wage; 2. phase out "tipped minimum wage," raising it to the minimum wage by 2026, and 3. enact comprehensive fair scheduling legislation to protect employees from erratic schedules and unpredictable wages.*

**Response: Strongly Agree**

Pennsylvania's minimum wage has remained at \$7.25/hour since 2009. Even as the cost of living continues to rise, and despite neighboring states increasing their minimum wages, Pennsylvania's Republican legislature has refused to provide Pennsylvania residents a living wage, and has left Pennsylvania with the lowest minimum wage of all its neighbors. This needs to change. I fully support raising the minimum wage. I also support reforming the laws which govern how some service workers, like food servers, are paid so they are not so reliant on tips.

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**7. Protecting abortion rights** ([reproductiverights.org](http://reproductiverights.org)):

*If elected, I will support legislation to: 1. protect abortion rights; 2. eliminate Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers (TRAP) requirements, such as providers reporting and*

*facility requirements; and 3. eliminate requirements for biased counseling, waiting periods, and parental consent.*

**Response:** Strongly Agree

When the Supreme Court of the United States overturned Roe v. Wade, it eliminated the constitutional right to abortion after almost 50 years.

It is now up to the states. Here in Pennsylvania, women could easily lose their right to bodily autonomy. As the father of two daughters, I believe strongly that women have the right to make their own reproductive choices. I also believe the government has no right to interfere in decisions which should be made between women and their doctor.

As a pro-choice candidate, I stand firmly in support of women and will fight for their right to access the reproductive healthcare they need and deserve, including access to abortion. It's crucial we trust women to do what's best for their health and well-being and treat them with compassion instead of contempt.

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**8. Improving maternal health care** ([health.pa.gov](https://health.pa.gov) and [Pennsylvania Maternal Mortality Review: 2021 Report](#))

*If elected, I will support legislation to decrease maternal mortality, such as building infrastructure to: 1. provide more comprehensive medical care for all pregnant and postpartum individuals; and 2. identify and support pregnant and postpartum individuals with additional risk factors such as mental health concerns, substance use, and/or a history of intimate partner violence.*

**Response:** Strongly Agree

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**9. Fair funding for K-12 public schools** ("[A Roadmap to a New Pennsylvania](#)" and [fundourschoolspa.org](https://fundourschoolspa.org))

*If elected, I will vote to Increase basic education funding from the state through a fair funding formula to ensure equal access to a quality education for all students.*

**Response:** Strongly Agree

Pennsylvania is in the bottom 5 states in the nation when it comes to state funding of our schools. The burden of paying for schools falls on district residents through constant tax increases, this is unfair both to our students and to our senior citizens on a fixed income who have spent years paying off their mortgages.

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**10. Fair funding for higher education** ([“A Roadmap to a New Pennsylvania”](#) and [krc-pbpc.org](#))

*If elected, I will support legislation to decrease costs of attending Pennsylvania’s community and state system colleges and state-related universities and provide grants to qualified adults seeking in-demand skills and industry-recognized credentials.*

**Response:** Strongly Agree

Higher education is one of the cornerstones of a healthy middle class in Pennsylvania and we must ensure that college education remains affordable. Vocational-technical schools deserve proper funding, especially since they maintain a healthy workforce by teaching trade skills that help meet the high demand in these fields.

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**11. Protecting our air and water** ([“A Roadmap to a New Pennsylvania”](#))

*If elected, I will support legislation to: 1. adequately fund the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to ensure protection of our land, air, and water; 2. enforce and strengthen rules that limit air pollution; and 3. protect and restore Pennsylvania watersheds; and 3. adopt clean energy policies like eliminating fossil fuel subsidies, protecting net metering, permitting community-shared solar power generation, restarting and expanding the state’s renewable energy incentives, removing the investment cap on energy efficiency projects in PA Act 129, and raising our Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards (AEPS).*

**Response:** Strongly Agree

It is our duty to protect our environment because everyone has a right to clean air and pure water. When we fail our environment, we fail ourselves. Evidence can be found all around us. Locally, in Warminster Township, residents lost access to their clean drinking water source due to PFOS/PFOA contamination. Unchecked development without storm water mitigation in years past left us with flooding issues. Even invasive species, such as the Spotted Lantern Fly, have brought millions of dollars of damage

to our Bucks County farmers. I take these protections seriously as they directly impact us economically, as well as our overall health and well-being.

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**Final note:**