

Senator

Elizabeth Warren



Political Experience: U.S. Senator, 2013-present

Education: University of Houston, B.S. in Speech Pathology and Audiology; Rutgers University Law School, J.D.

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Workers' Voice & Labor

Increasing Minimum Wage: [Supports](#) \$15-per-hour minimum wage to protect low-wage workers.

Strengthening Unions & Workers: [Proposes](#) extending basic protections to farm workers and domestic workers, guaranteeing public sector workers the right to organize, and [strengthening](#) the ability of educators to organize and bargain for just compensation, a voice in education policy and for a greater investment in public education.

Labor Law Reform: [Proposes](#) prohibiting states from enacting "right-to-work" laws, adopting "card check," passing the Protecting the Right to Organize Act and broadening the National Labor Relations Board's enforcement authority.

Education

Public Education: [Proposes](#) quadrupling Title I funding and improving its allocation, fully funding the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, investing in 25,000 community schools, investing in school infrastructure, renewing the fight against segregation and discrimination, providing funding for schools to increase pay and support for all public school educators, and stopping the privatization and corruption of our public education system.

Early Education: [Proposes the](#) federal government partner with local providers to create a network of high-quality child care and pre-K options that are free to families making less than 200 percent of the federal poverty line and that cost no more than 7 percent of any other family's income.

College Affordability: [Proposes](#) every American have the opportunity to attend a two- or four-year public college for free. Also [supports](#) cancellation of up to \$50,000 in student loan debt for 42 million Americans who make \$100,000 or less.

Freedom to Teach & Student Testing: [Proposes](#) eliminating high-stakes testing as a primary or significant factor in closing a school, firing a teacher or making any other high-stakes decisions; and supports encouraging schools to use authentic assessments that allow students to demonstrate learning in multiple ways.

Teachers Strikes: [Stated that](#) she stood in “solidarity with the teachers who are fighting to get the pay they deserve.”

Vouchers & Privatization: [Proposes](#) subjecting existing charter schools to at least the same level of transparency and accountability as traditional public schools, ending federal funding for the expansion of charter schools, and banning for-profit charter schools.

Healthcare & Workplace Safety

“Medicare for All”: [Supports](#) a single-payer healthcare system with the goal of ensuring that Americans can get the care they need, when they need it, without going into debt.

Public Option: Says that a public option does not go far enough, and instead proposes Medicare for All.

Prescription Drug Costs: [Proposes](#) the federal government start manufacturing prescription drugs when prices for certain medications become unaffordable.

Opioid Epidemic: [Proposes](#) increasing funding by \$1.7 billion for research, surveillance and training for health professionals and by \$1.1 billion for addiction and treatment services.

Gun Violence Reform: [Proposes](#) requiring background checks, reporting on multiple purchases and banning military assault weapons.

Jobs & the Economy

Trump's Tax Cuts for the Wealthy: [Proposes](#) the “Ultra-Millionaire” tax on wealth and [introduced](#) legislation that would redistribute trillions of dollars from rich executives and shareholders to the middle class.

Rural America: [Proposes](#) to increase funding for community health centers by 15 percent, create a public option for broadband, and build a new farm economy.

Social Security: [Supports](#) protecting and expanding Social Security.

Infrastructure: [Proposes](#) investing \$2 trillion in clean energy research and development.

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: Created the CFPB, which regulates banks, lenders and other financial companies to ensure they treat people fairly.

Democracy

Voting Rights: [Proposes](#) issuing state-of-the-art federal voting machines, ballots and security for federal elections; making Election Day a holiday; and securing the fundamental right to vote.

Citizens United: [Proposes](#) getting rid of donations from federal lobbyists, PACs and super PACs.

Immigration & DACA: [Supports](#) a path to citizenship for immigrants, decriminalizing migration, ending family separation, and raising the refugee cap.

Civil Rights: [Supports](#) passing the Equality Act and other bills to prohibit discrimination against LGBTQ people, and supports legislation to take action against bullying in schools. She also [proposes](#) ending the use of private prisons.