

Jamie McLeod-Skinner is too radical for Oregon. While McLeod-Skinner supports Joe Biden and Nancy Pelosi's liberal agenda, she would take it farther and support even more extreme policies.

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- In May 2022, *National Journal* reported that Jamie McLeod-Skinner's "progressive positioning will be problematic" in Oregon's 5th Congressional District given that it has "sizable culturally conservative constituencies." "...Schrader, a Blue Dog Democrat who supports abortion rights, is up against a well-funded challenge from attorney Jamie McLeod-Skinner. Both challengers have been endorsed by Sen. Elizabeth Warren, and they support the Green New Deal and Medicare-for-all. If they prevail in their primaries, their progressive positioning will be problematic in these competitive districts with sizable culturally conservative constituencies." (Josh Kraushaar, "Extreme Candidate Gaining Ground In Key May Primaries," [National Journal](#), 5/10/22)
 - **HEADLINE: "Extreme candidates gaining ground in key May primaries"** (Josh Kraushaar, "Extreme Candidate Gaining Ground In Key May Primaries," [National Journal](#), 5/10/22)
- **Congressman Kurt Schrader has expressed doubt over McLeod-Skinner's ability to win the seat given that she is "way to the left" of him in a district that has grown more competitive.** SCHRADER: "...I would ask my opponent how she can possibly win the general election when she's running way to the left of me in a district that's gotten more difficult, not less difficult, for a Democrat to win in November. She ran toward the center in her two previous failed attempts for elected office here in Oregon. Running closer to the center, she couldn't make it." (KTVZ NewsChannel 21, "Schrader, McLeod-Skinner face off in NewsChannel 21 debate," [CLIP](#) begins at 13:00, 4/20/22)
- **Some Democratic voters in Oregon say that the past two years have soured them on Democratic-controlled government, including Donald Mattersdorff of Lake Oswego who voted for Schrader because he believed McLeod-Skinner was too liberal.** "Some Democratic voters say the past two years have soured them on their Democratic-led state government and left them looking for a check on Congress. Donald Mattersdorff, a 60-year-old investment adviser from Lake Oswego, said he already mailed in his ballot for Mr. Schrader in the Democratic primary because he believed Ms. McLeod-Skinner is too liberal. But he said he is likely to vote for the Republican in the general election and plans to change his voter registration to independent or Republican." (Chad Day and Eliza Collins, "Oregon Voters, Angry Over Crime And Inflation, Create Tough Race For Rep. Kurt Schrader," [The Wall Street Journal](#), 5/13/22)
 - **A West Linn voter told *The Wall Street Journal* that she voted for Schrader because she "like[s] candidates who aren't too radical."** "Andra Silgailis, 49, a writer from West Linn, is backing Mr. Schrader in part because, she said, extremist candidates in both parties are tearing the country apart. "I like candidates who aren't too radical." (Chad Day and Eliza Collins, "Oregon Voters, Angry Over Crime And Inflation, Create Tough Race For Rep. Kurt Schrader," [The Wall Street Journal](#), 5/13/22)

- Some Democratic primary voters in Oregon worried that Jamie McLeod-Skinner would not be as competitive in a general election given that issues such as crime and homelessness are even on the minds of moderate Democrats. “But some primary voters are concerned that McLeod-Skinner, an attorney and former city planner, wouldn’t be as competitive in November, particularly given that issues such as crime and homelessness are even on the minds of moderate Democrats.” (Gillian Flaccus, “Blurry ballot barcodes delay Oregon House primary results,” [The Associated Press](#), 5/18/22)

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- After Kurt Schrader lost to Jamie McLeod-Skinner in the May 2022 primary election, he claimed that the Democratic Party moved to the left. “U.S. Rep. Kurt Schrader, D-Oregon, spoke to KATU on Thursday afternoon, the first time he has spoken to the media since his historic loss in the May primary. Schrader a moderate, says the Democratic Party’s move to the left, along with the new congressional district boundaries in Oregon, doomed his hopes for another term... Schrader lost the race to Jaime McLeod-Skinner, a progressive Democrat. She’ll face off against Republican Lori Chavez-DeRemer in November.” (KATU Staff, “Rep. Kurt Schrader says party’s leftward move, redrawn district sunk re-election bid,” [KATU](#), 6/2/22)
- VIDEO: Kurt Schrader: “. . . uh and I think the Democratic Party has moved quite a bit to the left moving out from underneath me. Uh times move on, uh, you know the Socialist wing of the party is taking over and that’s their opportunity to elect somebody different. Uh, I think it would have prevailed in the general election a lot easier.” (KATU’s Steve Dunn interviews Rep. Kurt Schrader, [Clipped](#), 6/2/22)

Jamie McLeod-Skinner campaigned on President Joe Biden’s agenda and Nancy Pelosi has expressed excitement about working with McLeod-Skinner; however, Jamie McLeod-Skinner supports an agenda that is more extreme than that of Biden or Pelosi:

- VIDEO: Jamie McLeod-Skinner claimed that she ran on President Joe Biden’s agenda. “So I got a really nice call from the White House, from the Policy Advisor for the President, shortly after the election saying hey congratulations we’re really excited about working with you. And I said ‘ya know, I ran on the President’s agenda.’” (Deschutes County Volunteer Appreciation Party, [Clipped](#), 6/16/22)
- Nancy Pelosi congratulated Jamie McLeod-Skinner on her victory in the Democratic primary and said that House Democrats looked forward to welcoming McLeod-Skinner to Congress, praising her “energetic leadership.” “Pelosi: ‘Congratulations to Jamie McLeod-Skinner on her victory. House Democrats look forward to welcoming her to the Congress next January, where she will bring energetic leadership to the Congress for the people of Oregon.’” (Craig Caplan, [Twitter](#), 5/27/22)



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- **Jamie McLeod-Skinner supports a Medicare for All single-payer health care system.** “And McLeod-Skinner backs the now-standard list of ambitious, social-democratic policy goals that have become a litmus test for candidates seeking the blessing of the activist left. She supports a ‘Medicare for All’ single-payer health care system, the adoption of a \$15 minimum wage at the federal level, and a Green New Deal to transform the United States’ energy infrastructure.” (Daniel Marans, “Pharma-Friendly Democrat Kurt Schrader Has A Progressive Primary Challenger,” [Huff Post](#), 12/23/21)
 - **Joe Biden opposes Medicare for All, arguing that it would raise taxes on the middle class and is “totally unrealistic.”** “Joe Biden slammed Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders during an interview with KWWL for their ‘Medicare for All’ proposals, stating that it will raise taxes on the middle class and is ‘totally unrealistic.’ Here’s the key exchange: Biden: ‘Bernie Sanders, who up to this time has been honest about the need to raise taxes including the middle class is now saying ‘well, I don’t have to have a plan, I don’t have to tell you how much it will cost now, there’s time.’ And Elizabeth Warren is saying she’s going to come up with a plan. It is totally unrealistic and can’t be done. My plan can occur the day after I’m elected, we can get it done, you don’t have to wait 5-10 years to get it done. I’m not criticizing them personally, but look there’s a little truth in advertising here. Bernie and Elizabeth: How much is your plan going to cost?’” (Adam Sabes, “Biden Slams Medicare for All: ‘It’s Totally Unrealistic and Can’t be Done,’” [Americans for Tax Reform](#), 10/31/19)
 - **Nancy Pelosi is “not a big fan of Medicare for All” and has expressed concern about the price tag of such a proposal and the unpopularity of eliminating private insurance.** “Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) said Friday that she is ‘not a big fan’ of ‘Medicare for All,’ the health care proposal advocated by progressives that has gained ground in the Democratic Party, especially among its presidential candidates. ‘I’m not a big fan of Medicare for All,’ Pelosi told Bloomberg. ‘I mean I welcome the debate, I think that we should have health care for all.’ ...Pelosi, though, raised concerns about the price tag of such a proposal, as well as the notion of eliminating private insurance, which she noted that some people like.” (Peter Sullivan, “Pelosi: ‘I’m not a big fan of Medicare for All,’” [The Hill](#), 11/1/19)
- **Jamie McLeod-Skinner supports the “now-standard list of ambitious, social-democratic policy goals that have become a litmus test for candidates seeking the blessing of the activist left,” including the Green New Deal.** “And McLeod-Skinner backs the now-standard list of ambitious, social-democratic policy goals that have become a litmus test for

candidates seeking the blessing of the activist left. She supports a ‘Medicare for All’ single-payer health care system, the adoption of a \$15 minimum wage at the federal level, and a Green New Deal to transform the United States’ energy infrastructure.” (Daniel Marans, “Pharma-Friendly Democrat Kurt Schrader Has A Progressive Primary Challenger,” [Huffington Post](#), 12/23/21)

- **During his campaign for president, Joe Biden stated that he does not support the progressive Green New Deal and instead favored “the Biden plan” – a trillion dollar proposal that is more narrow and less aggressive than the far-reaching Green New Deal.** “At the first presidential debate on Tuesday night, former Vice President Joe Biden said point-blank that he does not support the Green New Deal – a progressive plan which not only aims to aggressively tackle climate change but also encompasses many other issues like social justice, jobs, housing and health care... But this was not actually a new position for Biden. Instead, he explained, ‘I support the Biden plan that I put forward’ – a trillion proposal that is more narrow and less aggressive than the far-reaching Green New Deal.” (Jeff Berardelli, “How Joe Biden’s Climate Plan Compares to the Green New Deal,” [EcoWatch](#), 10/7/20)
- **Nancy Pelosi does not support the Green New Deal and has suggested that it goes beyond what Congress’ charge is.** “How do you deal with entrenched interests – the energy companies, the coal companies, the oil companies? Yeah, they have a lot of power here, there’s no question, but again, we have to take it to the public, and I think it should be an important part of the presidential campaign. That’s sort of the main attraction in politics – during a presidential year, we’ll be the lounge act, that’s the main event. Everything that we’re talking about has to be elevated to the presidential level. Now, in terms of the Green New Deal [as conceived], that goes beyond what our charge is. Our charge is about saving the planet. They have in there things like single-payer and . . . what is it? Guaranteed income? Pelosi Deputy Chief of Staff Drew Hammill: Guaranteed income, and then a jobs guarantee. Pelosi: And then they have, I don’t know if it’s single-payer or Medicare for All. . . . It’s kind of, like, a broader agenda. All good values, but nonetheless, not what we hope to achieve with this focused, determined, decision-making: You’re either for the planet or you are not. There is no “plan B” for the planet. We have to preserve it, and it is in great jeopardy.” (Tessa Stuart And Jann S. Wenner, “Nancy Pelosi: The Rolling Stone Interview,” [The Rolling Stone](#), 2/27/19)