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**Why Are You Running For This Office?:** We need strong progressive voices in Columbus now more than ever. I have proven that I can be that voice through my work in Lakewood, around greater Cleveland, and at the statehouse.

**Describe Your Progressive Values And How You've Been Active In The Community**

**Supporting Those Values:** Everything in my professional and volunteer life has been geared towards making progressive change. Until healthcare is a right, basic nutrition and housing are rights, we are not done! I've fought to preserve our environment in Lakewood and all over Ohio. I've continually advocated for workers' right to organize. I've drafted, introduced, and passed resolutions supporting Medicare For All and committing Lakewood to 100% renewable energy. Previously, I worked as an outreach worker at the Cleveland Foodbank, making sure people all over Northeast Ohio had food to eat.

**How Will You Implement Progressive Values In The Office You Are Seeking?:** We have a great deal of work to do. We must keep introducing progressive legislation like the Energy Jobs with Justice Act to move renewable energy forward. We need to hold corrupt utilities accountable by introducing measures to untangle these monopolies from our political system. I will promote legislation strengthening union rights and always fight the "right to work" whenever it rears its ugly head. We need to stand up to the bullies who demonize teachers for simply doing their jobs and who terrorize our LGBTQAI+ communities. Trans rights are human rights! We also need to fund public transportation in our urban areas and protect our public institutions from privatization.

**Please Give At Least One Specific Progressive Policy Proposal You Would Seek To**

**Implement.:** The reason I knew about Bernie Sanders before 2016 was his advocacy for Medicare for All. We need to build a movement here for universal healthcare. I'm dedicated to seeking a legislative path to victory for Ohio Medicare for All so all Ohioans can enjoy what the rest of the developed world can take for granted - free, quality healthcare.

**Please Provide A Short Bio.:** <https://tristanrader.com/about>

**When You Are In Office, Will You Commit To Coming To Two Meetings A Year With Ccpc Membership? This Could Be Either An Appearance At Our Quarterly Membership Meetings Or Meetings Scheduled Directly With You.:** Yes, absolutely.