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Iowa Rural Power is a grassroots campaign run by member-consumers of Iowa's electric cooperatives. The **2020 Congressional Voter Guide** is intended to provide information for Co-op Voters on congressional candidates' plans for rural Iowa and the future of energy in the United States. The information in this Voter Guide is based on candidate questionnaires that were made available to all candidates and information from each candidate's website.





## CINDY AXNE

U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN

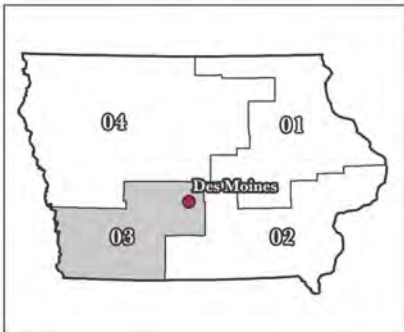
Congresswoman Axne is a fifth-generation Iowan who grew up on the south side of Des Moines.

She received a bachelor's in journalism from the University of Iowa and MBA from the Kellogg School at Northwestern University.

Congresswoman Axne has worked for the State of Iowa, become a small business owner, and was elected to Congress in 2018 where she serves on the Committees of Financial Services and Agriculture.

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## ***How will your energy plans provide affordable and reliable power to rural Iowa?***

The co-ops that have been so critical in bringing electric power to much of rural America are a key part of any energy plan, and that has to continue so that rural communities aren't left behind. I'll continue to work to make sure they have a place at the table going forward through bills like the RURAL Act, which made sure co-ops wouldn't have to choose between their tax status and taking disaster funding to rebuild after flooding like we saw last year.

***Iowa's electric co-ops are successful proponents of renewable energy resources. However, obstacles still remain for shifting to a 100% renewable portfolio. How will your energy plan compensate for electricity needs on days when the sun isn't shining, wind isn't blowing, and cold temperatures limit energy storage?***

Iowans know that wind and solar are an essential part of the future energy mix, but that doesn't mean it's the only part of the solution. We'll need ongoing investment into new and improved technologies to better work with those, whether it's better batteries and a more efficient energy grid or new power generation technologies that can lower emissions.

***Click here to view Cindy Axne's complete Candidate Questionnaire.***



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# DAVID YOUNG

**FORMER U.S. CONGRESSMAN**

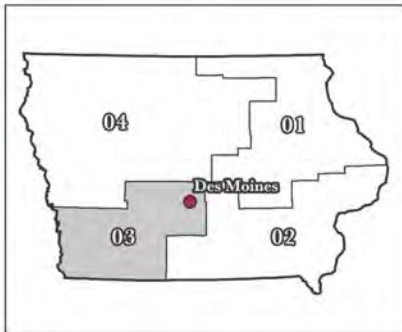
David Young is a seventh generation Iowan who was born, raised and graduated from high school and college in the Third Congressional District.

In 2014, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives to represent the Third Congressional District. He was re-elected in 2016.

David served on the prominent Committee on Appropriations for four years. He served on subcommittees crucial to Iowa's economy, including Agriculture; Transportation and Housing; Financial Services; and Homeland Security.

Prior to being elected, he served Iowans for seven years as Chief of Staff for U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley.

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## ***How will your energy plans provide affordable and reliable power to rural Iowa?***

I support an "all-of-the-above" energy strategy which does not limit any particular energy source and does allow it for any powering need. By not restricting any energy source, those in need of power are given the choice and freedom in their energy wants and needs. Choice with many power and fueling sources creates markets and competition which brings down prices for consumers and communities. Consistent and robust public funding sources, incentives and flexibility - and not mandates and onerous regulations - gives certainty, confidence, and reliability to those who produce the energy, distribute it, maintaining the energy infrastructure, market it , and become the ultimate end user.

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An "all-of-the-above" energy strategy from renewable energy sources to fossil fuels, to nuclear energy, and whatever may be next, will provide the backup and flexibility needed to be able to ensure the electricity needs at any given time. Also, incentivizing research, development, and production, and storage through the tax code and providing federal funding can help us build out our energy and fuel sources and develop new ways to increase and maximize energy battery storage technology.

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