

GUNS ON THE BALLOT: CISCOMANI V ENGEL IN AZ-06

JUAN CISCOMANI (R, INCUMBENT) VS. KIRSTEN ENGEL (D)

The election for Arizona’s Sixth Congressional District is set to be one of the most competitive in the country this November, and gun safety is on the ballot. In Arizona’s Sixth Congressional District, incumbent Rep. Juan Ciscomani has consistently voted repeatedly against gun safety laws while receiving significant support from the gun lobby. Senator Kirsten Engel, who is challenging Ciscomani for the second time, has a strong record of supporting gun safety measures. Engel narrowly lost to Ciscomani in 2022, winning about 49.2% of the vote, setting the stage for a highly anticipated rematch in 2024. With the balance of power in Congress at stake, the outcome of this contest could shape the future of gun legislation across the country.



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JUAN CISCOMANI HAS REPEATEDLY SUPPORTED POLICIES THAT UNDERMINE OUR NATION’S GUN SAFETY LAWS AND ADVANCE A GUNS EVERYWHERE AGENDA:

- He [co-sponsored H.R.38](#), the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act, which would have allowed an individual who is eligible to carry a concealed firearm in one state to carry or possess a concealed handgun in all other states, regardless of state and local laws. This bill would have overridden most state and local gun laws and carried penalties for interfering with a person’s “right to conceal carry.”
- He [voted for H.J.Res.44](#), which would have [repealed](#) President Biden’s Executive Order outlawing the use of firearm stabilizing braces, which have been used to circumvent regulations and transform pistols into more lethal short-barreled rifles.

JUAN CISCOMANI IS AN [NRA-ENDORSED](#) CANDIDATE WITH EXTREMIST VIEWS ON SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS.

- The Gun Lobby has donated \$16,950.29 to Juan Ciscomani, including \$3,500 in [NRA Direct Support](#) and \$8,375 in [NRA Independent Support](#).
- He is [against](#) universal background checks on firearm purchases.
- He [has been silent](#) about violence against migrants, specifically on shooting migrants as an alleged form of border defense.
- He [brought](#) the Patriot Academy — an far-extremist organization that trains adults and children in the use of firearms strictly for the defense of Christian nationalism — to Arizona.

CHALLENGER KIRSTEN ENGEL ADVOCATES FOR STRICTER GUN CONTROL.

- She has [publicly supported](#) universal background checks, extreme risk laws (also known as red flag laws), and a ban on assault weapons.
- Senator Engel sponsored [HB2177](#) and [HB2544](#) in the Arizona State Legislature, which would have introduced stronger gun control measures and specific firearm and ammunition storage requirements.

THE STAKES FOR ARIZONA THIS NOVEMBER ARE HIGH: EVERY SEVEN HOURS, SOMEONE IN ARIZONA IS KILLED BY GUN VIOLENCE.

- The state has the 16th highest firearm mortality rate in the country, 31% higher than the national rate.
- Each year, 1,290 people in Arizona are killed by gun violence — including 46 children.
- The firearm suicide rate in Arizona is 53% higher than the national firearm suicide rate.