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VOTER GUIDE**

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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.



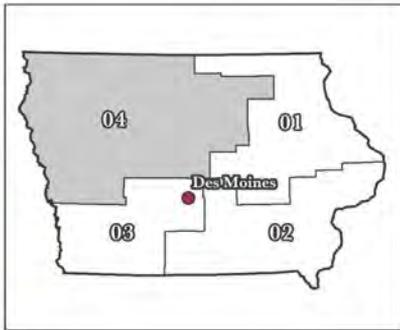
RANDY FEENSTRA

STATE SENATOR



REPUBLICAN - HULL

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Randy Feenstra has been a State Senator since 2009 and has lived in Northwest Iowa his whole life.

He started working at the age of nine delivering newspapers, worked at a local bakery at 14, assisted others by volunteering as an EMT and had success in business being the Head of Sales for the Foreign Candy Company. Now he teaches business classes at Dordt University.

To further serve the community, Randy has been the Hull City Administrator, Sioux County Treasurer.

Senator Feenstra has not yet completed the Iowa Rural Power Candidate Questionnaire. To learn more about his policy stances, visit feenstraforcongress.com.



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

My approach is pragmatic and results-oriented, taking the best of what we have now and looking towards the future while rejecting extremist policies. It starts with keeping money in Iowa and out of the hands of a bloated, wasteful federal government – allowing companies to spend money hiring additional staff, making facility improvements, increasing efficiency, and innovating without

raising prices for the consumer. It also means reducing regulations that help produce innovation and economic development and improve the efficiency and efficacy of future-energy and renewable sources. However, it's essential that we do so gradually and responsibly - we must reject radical plans like the Green New Deal that would devastate our state's capacity to innovate and produce efficient, affordable energy.

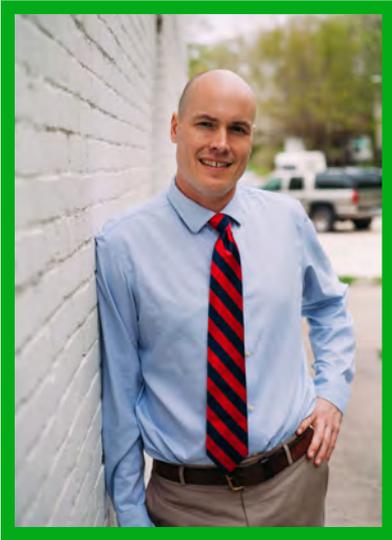
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While working towards increased use of renewable energy is a worthwhile cause, we must continue to have a robust baseload energy plan. It's paramount that we have transmission capabilities to get baseload generation to where it is needed. We also must fight against ideas that further regulate baseload generation like the green new deal that has no thought concerning sustainable energy.

Click here to view Randy Feenstra's complete Candidate Questionnaire.

JD SCHOLTEN

BASEBALL PLAYER, PARALEGAL



DEMOCRAT - SIOUX CITY

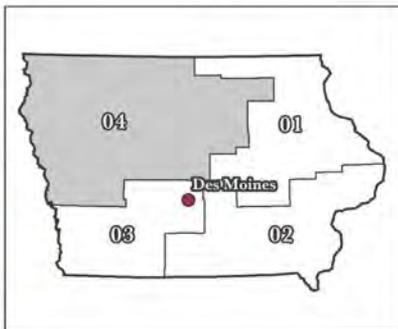
Born in Ames and raised in Sioux City, J.D. Scholten is a 5th generation Iowan.

Mr. Scholten served as the 2018 Democratic nominee against Rep. Steve King in Iowa's 4th District, earning nationwide attention for his people-powered grassroots campaign.

He played baseball at Morningside College and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

After college, he pursued a professional baseball career and pitched in 7 different countries. He then worked as a paralegal, specializing in Intellectual Property and trials law, but found his true passion in helping others through pro-bono cases.

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We must have an all of the above approach when it comes to powering rural America. While it's great to see more rural co-ops diversify their electric generation portfolios, we have to maintain a dynamic approach that consists of traditional power generation coupled with an ever-expanding inclusion of new and inventive means of energy production.

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From a technology perspective, there's no question that we have not reached a point where renewable energy sources can adequately fulfill all of our energy needs. The most important thing, when it comes to these important issues, is listening to the people who know how it works. That means developing policies based on best practices that have been established through years of expertise in the field, including leaders from RECs in the policy making process and delivering what our communities need.

Click here to view JD Scholten's complete Candidate Questionnaire.



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