

WHERE CANDIDATES STAND

U.S. SENATE: ILLINOIS

Quick Facts About Illinois

- 35th hungriest state
- 1 in 7 lives below the poverty line
- 1 in 5 children lives in poverty

Early voting: September 29-November 7
Election Day: November 8



Mark Kirk, Republican
Incumbent



Tammy Duckworth, Democrat
Challenger, currently U.S. Representative for Illinois' 8th District

Issues

1. Criminal justice reform	Co-sponsored the Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act, which reduces mandatory minimum sentences for non-violent offenders ¹	Co-sponsored the Recidivism Risk Reduction Act, which reforms the federal prison system, strengthens public safety, enhances prison security, and provides inmates the help they need ²
2. Global hunger	Co-sponsored the Global Food Security Act, which supports a U.S. strategy to combat hunger and malnutrition in developing countries	Co-sponsored the Global Food Security Act, which supports a U.S. strategy to combat hunger and malnutrition in developing countries
3. Wages/jobs	Opposed a minimum wage increase ³	Supports raising the minimum wage ⁴
4. U.S. hunger	Opposed an amendment that would have restored \$4.1 billion in funding to SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) ⁵	Believes SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) is crucial to supporting families living in poverty ⁶

Where does Bread stand?

Bread for the World supports effective policies that promote help and opportunity for people who struggle with hunger and poverty. In 2017, Congress must do its part to put our nation and the world on track to end hunger by 2030. This means:

1. Reforming our criminal justice system by reducing the number of incarcerated people, ensuring access to effective prison and re-entry services, and giving people who have paid their debt to society a chance to get a job
2. Expanding and improving global development assistance focused on hunger, poverty, and nutrition
3. Raising the minimum wage and expanding job benefits, such as paid sick and family leave
4. Creating jobs, investing in people, removing obstacles to earning a living, and strengthening safety nets, including SNAP, WIC and Medicaid

For more information on Bread's Election Platform, visit www.votingrecord.org

¹ <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/2123/cosponsors>

² <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/759/cosponsors>

³ http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=2&vote=00117

⁴ <http://duckworth.house.gov/index.php/issues/poverty>

⁵ Voted "Nay" on Gillibrand Amendment (#931) to the Senate Farm Bill (S.954 of 113th Congress)

⁶ Ibid.

**Third party candidates considered if polling at 15% or higher