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2012 Voter Guide
U.S. House – Congressional District 6

Peter Roskam Incumbent	**Issues**	**Leslie Coolidge** Challenger
Oppose	**Maintain** funding for college affordability programs, student loan forgiveness programs, and Pell grants.	**Support**
Oppose	**Pass** the Paycheck Fairness Act to improve enforcement of existing civil rights laws aimed at closing the pay gap between men and women.	**Support**
Mixed	**Reauthorize** the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) to include protections for all victims.	**Support**
Oppose	**Reinstate** the recently repealed Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy banning lesbian, gay, and bisexual Americans from openly serving in the armed forces.	**Unknown**
Support	**Reverse** the requirement that insurance plans cover birth control without co-pay or cost-sharing in employee and student health insurance plans.	**Oppose**
Support	**Repeal** the health care law provision that allows young adults to remain on their parents' health care insurance until age 26.	**Oppose**
Unknown	**Change** the Social Security program to introduce privatized accounts.	**Oppose**

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Peter Roskam **Incumbent**	**ISSUES**	**Leslie Coolidge** **Challenger**
Voted to allow student interest rates to increase from 3.4% to 6.8%. H.R. 4628 (April 27, 2012)	**Maintain** funding for college affordability programs, student loan forgiveness programs, and Pell grants.	Supports reduced student loan rates and increased funding for community colleges and Pell Grants. (NAACP DuPage Co. Questionnaire 2012)
Voted 'NAY" on the Paycheck Fairness Act H. R. 12 (January 9, 2009	**Pass** the Paycheck Fairness Act to improve enforcement of existing civil rights laws aimed at closing the pay gap between men and women.	Congress has also failed to enact efforts to bolster equal pay for women, [and] weakened the Violence Against Women Act. (Daily Herald Profile 2012)
Voted in favor of a version of the bill that removes protection from some victims. H.R. 4970 May 5, 2012	**Reauthorize** the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) to include protections for all victims.	Congress has also failed to enact efforts to bolster equal pay for women, [and] weakened the Violence Against Women Act. (Daily Herald Profile 2012)
Voted "Nay" on Don't Ask, Don't Tell repeal reinstatement H. R. 2965 (December 15, 2010)	**Reinstate** the recently repealed Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy banning lesbian, gay, and bisexual Americans from openly serving in the armed forces.	No public stance available on Don't Ask Don't tell could be found.
Voted to repeal the Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act H.R. 6079 (July 11, 2012)	**Reverse** the requirement that insurance plans cover birth control without co-pay or cost-sharing in employee and student health insurance plans.	Supports keeping & improving the Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (Chicago Tribune Questionnaire March 2012)
Voted to repeal the Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act H.R. 6079 (July 11, 2012)	**Repeal** the health care law provision that allows young adults to remain on their parents' health care insurance until age 26.	Supports keeping & improving the Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (Chicago Tribune Questionnaire March 2012)
No public stance available on Social Security could be found.	Change the Social Security program to introduce privatized accounts.	Supports preserving Social Security (Key Issue 2 – Daily Herald – 9/21/2012)