

CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE
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- **Do you support the proposed federal End Racial Profiling Act?**

Yes. I am a proud cosponsor of H.R. 2851, the *End Racial Profiling Act of 2013*. This bill would prohibit law enforcement agencies from engaging in racial profiling.

- **Do you support adding a prohibition on profiling on the basis of religion to the United States Justice Department Guidance on Racial Profiling? Yes.**

- **Do you support the proposed federal Safe Schools Improvement Act?**

Yes. I am a cosponsor of H.R. 1199, the *Safe Schools Improvement Act*.

- **Do you support a change in the United States military policy so that Sikhs would have an opportunity to serve our military while maintaining their turbans and uncut hair without requiring them to seek special, hard to obtain, revocable accommodations in order to do so?**

Yes. On March 10, 2014, I sent a letter to the Secretary of Defense, Chuck Hagel, requesting that the United States Armed Forces modernize their appearance regulations so that Sikh Americans can serve while abiding by their faith.

- **Will you encourage law enforcement agencies in your Congressional district to allow Sikhs to serve as police officers without removing their religiously-mandated turbans and uncut hair?**

Yes.

- **Do you agree that thousands of Sikhs were murdered in India in November 1984 with the assistance of or lack of intervention by political parties, law enforcement, military or members of the government?**

Yes. I am a strong supporter of human rights, and I believe that no one should be imprisoned, prosecuted, or murdered due to their religious or political beliefs. These are universal values, and the United States should be working to promote them across the globe.

- **Would you, as a Member of Congress, seek to remember and acknowledge the pogroms against Sikhs in November 1984, pursue justice for the victims, and work to ensure it does not happen again?**

Yes. As a Member of Congress, I am working to protect the religious freedoms of those around the globe.

- **Have you ever worked with employed or been hired by a Sikh? If so, describe the experience.**

Yes, I am proud to have many Sikhs volunteer on my campaign. They have assisted my campaign by reaching out to voters through phone calls and precinct walks. One volunteer in particular, Satinder Malhi, was an instrumental part of the team that helped me secure the Democratic Party's endorsement at the state convention in Los Angeles this past March.

- **Have you ever visited a Gurdwara (Sikh house of worship)?**

Yes, I have had the honor of being invited to the Fremont Gurdwara in 2012. It was an experience I will always remember and I intend to visit additional Gurdwara's in the future.

- **Do you encourage Sikhs to apply for opportunities within your government office or campaign office, including internships through the SikhLEAD Internship program? If so, please describe the process by which one may seek employment or internships with these offices.**

Yes. My offices welcome and encourage applicants from diverse ethnic, cultural & religious backgrounds. For more information and to apply for internships in my official government office, please visit my website at <http://swalwell.house.gov/helping-you/internships/>.