

Bohannon tops U.S. House hopefuls, raising \$1M this summer

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Democrat Christina Bohannon led Iowa's 2026 U.S. House candidates in fundraising this summer, but her opponent, incumbent Republican U.S. Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, maintains a \$1 million lead in her campaign war chest, new finance reports show.

Bohannon, a University of Iowa law professor who's trying a third time to unseat Miller-Meeks in southeastern Iowa's 1st Congressional District after a narrow 2024 loss, topped the field with \$1.06 million raised in the third quarter of the year.

That brings Bohannon to nearly \$1.99 million raised so far in the 2026 mid-term election cycle and leaves her with \$1.6 million in cash on hand. The reports cover fundraising and spending from July 1 through Sept. 30.

"Miller-Meeks' campaign is well-funded by big corporations, billionaires and party bosses because she does their bidding in Washington, D.C.," Bohannon said in a statement. "We're showing that we can win this race the right way and for the right reasons — with the support of hardworking people who are ready to get costs down, defend the middle class and actually put Iowa first. And we're just getting started."

Miller-Meeks raised \$806,731 in the third quarter and has \$2.6 million in cash on hand as she gears up for one of the nation's most competitive congressional races.

She survived a recount to win her 2024 race by nearly 800 votes. National Democrats have placed her among their top targets as they look to grab control of Congress in 2026.

Miller-Meeks said she was grateful for Iowans' support to help secure the southern border, deliver permanent tax cuts, protect Iowa farmland from Chinese ownership and restore jobs in the Heartland.

"In 2024, Democrats outspent me by millions and still lost because Iowans know I fight for them, not for D.C. elites or the establishment," Miller-Meeks said in a statement. "With the resources we have built, we are ready to share our record and WIN again for Iowa and American workers, farmers and families."

Republican David Pautsch, who has launched a second primary campaign against Miller-Meeks, reported holding \$8,825 in cash on hand after raising \$7,895 in the third quarter. He unsuccessfully challenged her in 2024 for the 1st District GOP nomination.

While Bohannon firmly held the fundraising lead this period, Democratic primary opponent Taylor Wettach, an attorney from Muscatine, posted strong numbers, bringing in \$429,099 and ending the quarter with \$347,043 in his campaign coffers. Democrat Travis Terrell, a University of Iowa Health Care worker from Tiffin, raised \$12,940 and has \$6,143 in cash on hand.

Rep. Zach Nunn leads opponents in 3rd District fundraising

In another highly targeted race for the 3rd Congressional District, which covers 21 south-central Iowa counties including the Des Moines metro, Winterset and Ottumwa, Republican U.S.



Congressional candidate Christina Bohannon acknowledges her supporters during her election night watch party at Big Grove Brewery in Iowa City Nov. 5, 2024.

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Rep. Zach Nunn outraised his Democratic challengers with \$524,657 this quarter, pushing his total cash on hand to \$1.6 million.

Nunn's campaign manager Brendan Duffy said in a statement his fundraising figures show Nunn is "battle-tested, well-prepared and ready to defend the seat from far-left activists pushing an out-of-touch, radical agenda."

"Iowans trust Zach Nunn, and as one of the top 10 most bipartisan members of Congress, he will continue to build a safer, more prosperous future for every hardworking Iowa family," Duffy said.

His Democratic challenger Sarah Trone Garriott, a state senator from West Des Moines, again more than doubled the quarterly fundraising figures of her primary opponent Jennifer Konfrst, a state representative from Windsor Heights. Trone Garriott's campaign says this "clearly demonstrates that Trone Garriott is the frontrunner" to challenge Nunn.

Trone Garriott raised \$437,684 in the third quarter and has \$598,212 in cash on hand, far outpacing Konfrst's \$175,556 raised this quarter and more than tripling the \$195,333 in her campaign coffers.

"I'm deeply grateful for the grassroots support from across Iowa," Trone Garriott said in a statement. "Together we're building a campaign that can flip this seat and give everyday Iowans a voice at the table in Washington. Everywhere I go across the 3rd District, I hear that people are fed up with the chaos Zach Nunn is causing in Washington and are ready for a change."

Joe Mitchell has fundraising edge in 2nd District

In the 2nd District, a group of Democrats and Republicans are vying to replace U.S. Rep. Ashley Hinson, who is running for U.S. Senate.

Former state Rep. Joe Mitchell of Clear Lake leads the field in fundraising with \$407,555. Of that total, more than \$307,000 came from individual contributions while Mitchell loaned his campaign \$100,000.

State Sen. Charlie McClintock, R-Alburnett, reported raising \$14,307, while

state Rep. Shannon Lundgren, R-Peosta, did not file a report. Former U.S. Rep. Rod Blum dropped out of the race Oct. 13.

State Rep. Lindsay James, D-Dubuque, leads the Democratic field in fundraising, with \$273,649, followed by former Cedar Rapids nonprofit leader Clint Twedt-Ball, who raised \$218,815, and former Kirkwood Community College Dean of Nursing Kathy Dolter, who raised \$39,109. Guy Morgan raised \$2,413.

Chris McGowan grabs fundraising lead in 4th District

In the 4th District, a crowded Republican primary field is beginning to come into focus as incumbent Republican U.S. Rep. Randy Feenstra eyes a gubernatorial bid.

Siouxland Chamber of Commerce President Chris McGowan leads the fundraising field with \$372,285 tallied this quarter. Iowa Tea Party founder Ryan Rhodes follows with \$183,205 raised. And state Rep. Matt Windschitl reported raising \$67,425.

Former State Rep. Dave Dawson leads the 4th District Democratic field, raising \$36,194 during the last quarter.

Candidates must file paperwork with the Federal Election Commission once they raise or spend more than \$5,000.

Here's a look at how Iowa's U.S. House campaigns are faring with raising money.

US House, 1st Congressional District

US Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, Republican

- Raised this quarter: \$806,731
- Raised this election cycle: \$3,458,647
- Spent this quarter: \$305,100
- Spent this election cycle: \$1,256,044
- Cash on hand: \$2,618,040

David Pautsch, Republican

- Raised this quarter: \$7,895
- Raised this election cycle: \$25,315
- Spent this quarter: \$12,016
- Spent this election cycle: \$22,189
- Cash on hand: \$8,825

Christina Bohannon, Democrat

- Raised this quarter: \$1,059,732
- Raised this election cycle: \$1,986,609
- Spent this quarter: \$278,633
- Spent this election cycle: \$537,213
- Cash on hand: \$1,600,687

Travis Terrell, Democrat

- Raised this quarter: \$12,940
- Raised this election cycle: \$12,990
- Spent this quarter: \$6,894
- Spent this election cycle: \$7,113
- Cash on hand: \$6,143

Taylor Wettach, Democrat

- Raised this quarter: \$429,099
- Raised this election cycle: \$429,099
- Spent this quarter: \$82,056
- Spent this election cycle: \$82,056
- Cash on hand: \$347,043

US House, 2nd Congressional District

Iowa Sen. Charlie McClintock, Republican

McClintock loaned his campaign \$7,000, accounting for nearly half his fundraising since announcing his candidacy.

- Raised this quarter: \$14,307
- Raised this election cycle: \$14,307
- Spent this quarter: \$156
- Spent this election cycle: \$156
- Cash on hand: \$14,152

Joe Mitchell, Republican

Mitchell raised more than \$307,000 from individual contributors and loaned his campaign another \$100,000.

- Raised this quarter: \$407,555
- Raised this election cycle: \$407,555
- Spent this quarter: \$1,672
- Spent this election cycle: \$1,672
- Cash on hand: \$405,883

Kathy Dolter, Democrat

- Raised this quarter: \$39,109
- Raised this election cycle: \$39,109
- Spent this quarter: \$18,355
- Spent this election cycle: \$18,355
- Cash on hand: \$20,754

Iowa Rep. Lindsay James, Democrat

- Raised this quarter: \$273,649
- Raised this election cycle: \$273,649
- Spent this quarter: \$47,349
- Spent this election cycle: \$47,349
- Cash on hand: \$226,300

Guy Morgan, Democrat

- Raised this quarter: \$2,413
- Raised this election cycle: \$2,413
- Spent this quarter: \$413
- Spent this election cycle: \$413
- Cash on hand: \$2,000

Clint Twedt-Ball, Democrat

- Raised this quarter: \$218,815
- Raised this election cycle: \$218,815
- Spent this quarter: \$66,417
- Spent this election cycle: \$66,417
- Cash on hand: \$152,398

US House, 3rd Congressional District

US Rep. Zach Nunn, Republican

- Raised this quarter: \$524,657
- Raised this election cycle: \$2,163,808
- Spent this quarter: \$213,845
- Spent this election cycle: \$938,162
- Cash on hand: \$1,610,410

Iowa Rep. Jennifer Konfrst, Democrat

- Raised this quarter: \$175,556
- Raised this election cycle: \$426,602
- Spent this quarter: \$150,302
- Spent this election cycle: \$231,269
- Cash on hand: \$195,333

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