

# Muscatine County Democratic Party Candidate Questionnaire

## **Chris Brase**

Iowa Senate (District 46)

<https://www.cbraseforiowasenate.com>

**As a Democrat, what issue or guiding principle motivated you most to run for the office you are seeking?**

I decided to run for State Senate again, because I believe Iowa is capable of so much more. We should be leaders in education, rebuild and improve our infrastructure including rural broadband and provide access to healthcare for all Iowans.

**What do you want people to know most about how you will serve them?**

I will respectfully listen to all the people. To be able to help, I must understand what the problem or issue is from their perspective. To achieve that understanding, I must listen and not be afraid of asking the tough questions.

**What do you believe are the most pressing issues facing people in the geographic area you will serve?**

Access to healthcare and quality jobs that pay living wages.

**Why do you think you can be effective in advancing the interests of the people you represent through meaningful legislation, policy, and funding?**

When I served in the Senate, I worked with Republican House members to move Legislation that was stalled in the House after passing in the Iowa Senate. I talked with the House Committee Chair and was able to find out what he needed in order to say "Yes". With an agreement to minor changes in the Bill language, we were able to pass the Bill through both chambers and get it signed into law. You need to be open minded and willing to listen. You must understand why people support or oppose legislation and how it affects them. You need to be able to move people to "yes".

*(continued on next page)*

**How do you envision your office working with other entities to advance democratic priorities in the geographic area you will serve?**

Communication with the people I represent and with local City and County officials. I need to understand the issues and work for the best solution.

**Is there anything else you would like voters to know?**

My parents taught me to respect people enough to listen and care enough to help. It does not matter to me which political party you support; I am here to represent all citizens in my district and state.