

## Candidates on healthcare

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### U.S. SENATE CANDIDATES

REPUBLICAN

#### Marsha Blackburn

People must take ownership of their health, I continually work to make affordable healthcare accessible to all Tennesseans.

Improving education will assist in this effort. As a young mom and President of the Middle Tennessee Lung Association Board, I developed programs to educate children about the dangers of smoking and to help adults who had begun to smoke and wanted to quit. Then as a State Senator, I supported nutrition education for welfare recipients because it improves health outcomes for children. These programs yield better health habits.



In Congress, we continue to work on patient centered reforms. In 2016, we implemented the bipartisan 21st Century Cures Act, which Senator

Alexander called the most important legislation of the year. It marked the move from a one-size-fits-all system to precision medicine for well care, chronic disease management, elder care, and seeking cures for vexing problems. We can now better define healthcare, illness and disease issues in order to yield a better outcome.

We passed the SOFTWARE Act to expand opportunities for rural hospitals healthcare providers, access to telemedicine, tracking genetic information, and remote monitoring to patients who are homebound. This marks the way forward as MHealth apps allow you to measure calories, track exercise, sleep, heart rate and other vitals.

Sadly, infant mortality has been an issue statewide, particularly in Memphis. We continue to improve prenatal education plus access to drug treatment and recovery programs for expectant mothers and babies born with addiction to ensure that mothers and children can stay in treatment and recovery programs. The Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act 2.0, which I introduced, along with Senator Portman, will also provide necessary resources.

Further, we should expand Medicare Advantage for seniors because it provides more choice and options.

Expanding Health Savings Accounts, Association Health Plans and Across State Line purchase will allow

Tennesseans more flexibility when it comes to their health insurance. These are provisions I will continue to support as your senator to give you more choice and options for achieving better health outcomes.

### DEMOCRAT

#### Philip Bredesen

If you're like me, when you hear something repeated enough times, you stop paying attention. It's like that with statistics about the poor health of Tennesseans; we've all heard them enough times to block the message out.

But here's a fresh way to look at our health. The average lifespan of a Tennessean right now is 76.3 years. Imagine for a moment that Tennessee is a country instead of a state. Where would the country of Tennessee rank among all the countries in the world? The answer is 50th. That's just a number; what does it mean?

One of the things that it means is that Mexico ranks above Tennessee in average lifespan. If you live in Mexico—with its poverty, its far more primitive health care system, its drug gangs—you can still expect to live longer on average than you will in Tennessee. The same is true in Panama. Or Costa Rica. Or Albania.

The reasons for this are not rocket

science. The big three killers in Tennessee are heart disease, respiratory disease and cancer. These are deeply linked to obesity and smoking. Tennessee ranks in the US Top 10 in both our smoking and obesity rates.

Changing our smoking, eating and exercise habits will be hard and personal responsibility will have to take the lead. Beyond personal responsibility though, there are many ways that the federal government can make a difference.

For example, the cholesterol-lowering drugs called statins (think Lipitor) are inexpensive and have proven their ability to reduce heart attacks. And yet, extrapolating from national averages, there are about 850,000 Tennesseans who would meet the standard for taking statins, but who are not doing so. An effort to increase the use of statins through strategies such as eliminating copays or transitioning statins to over-the-counter (non-prescription) status could save many lives and health care costs as well.



Strategies like these are ones I want to work on in the US Senate, and I'm applying for the job.

**With 40 years military and law enforcement experience, I have the knowledge and the skills it takes to be an effective sheriff.**

**I am ready to lead the office in the most efficient way for the taxpayers while providing the most protection for our citizens.**

**I will go to work for you on day one and be available to you when problems arise.**

**I've worked hard all my life and I have no plans to stop.**

**I promise to stand WITH my deputies, not above them, putting in the man-hours and working hands-on with the whole department to keep you and your loved ones safe, day & night.**

**I would be very grateful for your vote and the opportunity to serve Warren County.**

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## Federal and State Candidates

- Phil Bredesen - United States Senate
- Christopher Hale OR Mariah Phillips OR Steven Reynolds - United States Congress
- Karl Dean OR Craig Fitzhugh - Governor
- Les Trotman - TN House District 43 Representative
- Mike Winton - TN House District 47 Representative

## County Wide Candidates

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rodney Whiles - Sheriff                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lesa Scott - County Clerk         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darlene Bryant - Trustee                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wes Williams - Register of Deeds  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Casi Powell Cantrell - Circuit Court Clerk | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Levie Glenn - Road Superintendent |

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