



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS *Candidate Questionnaire Project*



2018 CANDIDATE RESPONSE
U.S. House of Representatives District 23

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Do you support or oppose...

ABORTION CONSCIENCE PROTECTION: Passing the Conscience Protection Act to further protect health care providers from being forced to participate in abortions?

NO RESPONSE

Optional Candidate Comment: *I will study the bill further. I see no reason to protect health insurance companies from discriminating in insurance coverage against any procedure that is legal and constitutionally protected. That's different, however, from forcing health care providers from participating in a procedure.*

ASSISTED SUICIDE PREVENTION: Expressing the sense of Congress that assisted suicide puts everyone, especially the most vulnerable, at risk of deadly harm and undermines the integrity of the health care system?

OPPOSE

Optional Candidate Comment: *I recall the ending of the movie "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" after a lobotomy had been performed on the main character (played by Jack Nicholson), leaving him in a vegetative state with greatly diminished brain functions, his friend goes beyond assisted suicide and engages in active euthanasia by smothering him to death under a pillow. There was no actual consent. Instead, the victim resisted.*

I cannot say that assisted suicide is always wrong. But there is a great danger that it could be abused against the most vulnerable. I would like to study further how assisted suicide has been permitted in other countries, including Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, and several others. Passive euthanasia is legal throughout the U.S. as patients are legally entitled to refuse treatment, but active euthanasia is illegal in all 50 states. Assisted suicide is legal in five states: Vermont, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington and Montana.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE: Maintaining funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which provides low-cost, comprehensive health coverage for children of lower-income working families?

SUPPORT

ENVIRONMENT: Establishing a national Climate Solutions Commission to develop policies that are economically viable, protect the environment and mitigate the effects of climate change?

SUPPORT

FREEDOM TO SERVE: Protecting child welfare providers from being discriminated against by federal or state government entities due to the provider's religious beliefs or moral convictions?

NO RESPONSE

Optional Candidate Comment: *There should be no discrimination based on a provider's religious beliefs, but government entities should be able to prevent illegal conduct by providers.*

GUN CONTROL: Restricting access to firearms by requiring universal background checks and bans of high capacity magazines and bump stocks?

SUPPORT

IMMIGRATION: Achieving reforms that offer a path to citizenship for the undocumented who live in the U.S. and do not have a criminal record, expand family reunification and worker visas, secure our borders, and establish humane enforcement practices?

SUPPORT

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE: Expanding funding for U.S. international humanitarian and development assistance, which currently represents 0.6% of the federal budget?

SUPPORT

MENTAL HEALTH: Increasing resources for the early identification and treatment of emotional and psychological disorders and addiction?

SUPPORT

PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT: Creating education savings accounts for students in military and Native American families to use for nonpublic school tuition?

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *I would like to study this issue further. I support fully funding public schools and getting the government out of the business of mandating so many high-pressure exams and setting the curriculum. I need to learn more of the special problems faced by students in the military and Native American families to justify special saving accounts.*