



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS
Candidate Questionnaire Project



2018 CANDIDATE RESPONSE
Florida House of Representatives District 28

David Smith (REP)

Do you support or oppose...

ABORTION REGULATION: Requiring parental consent before a minor child's abortion, notwithstanding previous judicial concerns?

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *Parents must be involved . It is in the best interest of the child.*

ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE: Increasing access to care for uninsured Floridians, especially the working poor?

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *Federal block grant funds would give Florida the best opportunity to reduce healthcare costs and expand access to working poor families.*

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Using all state housing trust funds as intended to address affordable housing needs in Florida?

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *Sweeping Trust funds in order to cover General fund shortfall is wrong.*

DEATH PENALTY REPEAL: Ending Florida's use of the death penalty while preserving the alternative of a life sentence without parole?

OPPOSE

Optional Candidate Comment: *There are specific crimes, such as the intentional murder of a police officer who is in the line of duty, that I believe warrant a potential death sentence.*

END-OF-LIFE PROTECTION: Preserving Florida law that bans physician-assisted suicide?

SUPPORT

FREEDOM TO SERVE: Allowing individuals and organizations the freedom to serve the public in accord with reasoned conscientious beliefs related to sexuality and marriage?

SUPPORT

IMMIGRATION: Urging Congress to undertake extensive immigration reform, rather than adopting piecemeal state policies?

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *Comprehensive Immigration reform is long overdue.*

JUVENILE JUSTICE: Establishing that children under 14 shall not be transferred to the adult criminal justice system?

SUPPORT

PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT: Creating education savings accounts to use for nonpublic school tuition?

SUPPORT

SAFETY OF SCHOOLCHILDREN: Expanding existing legislative initiatives to harden the physical security of nonpublic schools?

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *No child can learn if they are in a fearful environment.*