



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS *Candidate Questionnaire Project*



2018 CANDIDATE RESPONSE
Florida House of Representatives District 59

Joe Wicker (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: *If children cannot make legal decisions for themselves then they should not be able to make medical decisions without the consent of their parent. I would add however that I'm 100% pro-life and my answer is based on the scenario given. I'd prefer no abortion at all.*

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

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *Access to healthcare is going to decrease as our baby boomers begin accessing more and more healthcare as they age.*

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

SUPPORT

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: *While abortion is murder of an innocent life without due process, the death penalty is justice served for the guilty after having received due process. Although a topic of debate among Christians because there is not a specific instruction outside of the old-testament for civil government to impose the death penalty for certain crimes, we know that the bible lends support due to it having occurred in the theocratic government of Israel. "Whoever sheds man's blood, his blood will be shed by man, for God made man in His image." -Gen. 9:6 In Romans 13:3-4 the Apostle Paul acknowledges the wielding of the sword as an appropriate act of civil government. My hope would be that we elect representatives of the people who support laws motivated by justice, humility and grace instead of revenge and hatred for the guilty.*

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

Optional Candidate Comment: *The government should never violate our conscience-which is a God given inalienable right.*

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

SUPPORT

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

Optional Candidate Comment: *I would go even further and support a property tax break for those who choose any form of private education.*

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

SUPPORT