



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS
Candidate Questionnaire Project

2018 CANDIDATE RESPONSE
Florida House of Representatives District 71

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Do you support or oppose...

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

NO RESPONSE

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

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *This is one of my top priorities. My husband is a family doctor who has worked in community health with Daughters of Charity, and has dedicated his entire career to vulnerable populations; we see the struggles of the poor and even middle class who cannot afford healthcare for themselves and their dependents.*

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

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *We are in an affordable housing crisis! We need to stop the raiding of our state affordable housing trusts and put the money where it was intended.*

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

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *I am a longtime advocate of ending the death penalty. I brought educational programs to Loyola School of Law where I received my law degree, and worked with death row exonerees through Innocence Project after law school.*

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

OPPOSE

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

NO RESPONSE

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

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *Immigration is the Federal Government's job. We need reform at that level - not by forcing already overburdened local law enforcement agencies to undertake the job immigration is supposed to be doing. Also, I strongly oppose the separation of children from their families.*

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

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *Absolutely! We need comprehensive criminal justice reform that takes the age of the offender into consideration and provides diversionary programs over incarceration.*

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

NO RESPONSE

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

NO RESPONSE