



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS
2020 Candidate Questionnaire Project



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DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE...

ABORTION LIMITS: Prohibiting abortion when a fetus has reached 20 weeks gestation and has the capacity to feel pain? **SUPPORT**

ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE: Increasing health coverage options for uninsured Floridians, especially the unemployed and the working poor? **SUPPORT**

Optional Comments: The cost of healthcare is the number one issue I hope to address in the Florida Senate. The lack of price transparency in our current system needs to be addressed. I'll fight for an accessible cash market to help drive down costs and restore accessibility to critical healthcare services.

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

Optional Comments: The legislature should not use money from committed trust funds to pay for programs outside of a fund's intended use. Beyond the Sadowski fund, we need to make sure that local governments have development plans and building codes that allow for the safe and cost effective construction of affordable housing, particularly in our urban areas.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE: Authorizing courts to impose a sentence less than the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment for nonviolent crimes? **OPPOSE**

Optional Comments: Rather than authorizing judges to work around mandatory minimums, we should be working to change the sentencing guidelines so they are fair to begin with.

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

END-OF-LIFE PROTECTION: Preserving Florida law that bans doctor-prescribed suicide? **SUPPORT**

Optional Comments: The state should never give legal cover to, or sanction, suicide.

FREEDOM TO SERVE: Allowing health care providers and workers the freedom to serve in accord with their conscience? **SUPPORT**

PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT: Eliminating the requirement to attend public school the year prior to receiving a state scholarship for K-12 non-public schools? **SUPPORT**

PROTECTING WORKERS: Requiring drinking water, shade, and annual heat illness training be provided for farmworkers and other outdoor workers? **SUPPORT**

Optional Comments: I believe the state should implement this as a BMP and reward businesses that provide this instead of simply creating a government mandate.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: Respecting the autonomy of non-public schools to maintain policies that distinguish dress codes and other aspects of student life on the biological basis of sex? **SUPPORT**