



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**

Optional Comments: I believe in the Sanctity of Life and will protect each and every unborn child.

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

Optional Comments: The state should actively work for ways to increase private health insurance options. By enacting tort reform and transparency with prescription drugs, we can fight to lower the cost of insurance and allow better access for Floridian's, without imposing publicly-funded insurance on our fellow citizens.

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

Optional Comments: Money in trust funds should never be swept and must be used for the purpose they were set aside for. The only exception for this would be if there is an emergency (like COVID) to fund essential services without needing to raise taxes.

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

Optional Comments: Judges should be able to have discretion to depart from mandatory minimums when the situation warrants it. Overcrowding of our jails due to mandatory minimum sentences need to stop, it is expensive, inhumane and ultimately self-defeating. Instead, in cases of first time, non-violent offenders we should work to rehabilitate them, not turn people in to harden criminals by putting them in jail for excessive sentences.

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

Optional Comments: I am pro-life at every stage of life, not just the unborn. The death penalty is a permanent sentence and cannot be changed once carried out, regardless of new evidence. I urge our leaders to protect all life at every state.

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

Optional Comments: Our doctors took an oath to protect life, no matter the cost. It is an egregious mistake that some states allow their doctors to break this oath and help someone take their life.

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

Optional Comments: I believe that protecting our individual liberties is one of the most, if not the most, important issues I can fight for.

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

Optional Comments: Parents have the right to educate their children the way they deem fit. Requiring children to go to a failing public school to make them eligible to receive a voucher can be detrimental to this child's education.

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

**NO
RESPONSE**

Optional Comments: As a Christian, I hold firm to the belief that we should be treating our neighbors as we would like to be treated. I would be willing to learn more about this issue and to advocate for improved conditions through an incentives based program.

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

Optional Comments: Our founding fathers did not set up a national religion for a reason. The separation of Church and State is a hallmark of our nation and should not be changed, regardless of the circumstances. Non public schools have the right to enforce a dress code as they are not a state funded school. They should have the liberty to run their school how they deem fit.