



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS  
2020 Candidate Questionnaire Project



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FLORIDA SENATE - DISTRICT 20

**DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE...**

<p><b>ABORTION LIMITS:</b> Prohibiting abortion when a fetus has reached 20 weeks gestation and has the capacity to feel pain?</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: As a life-long practicing Catholic, I oppose abortion at any stage. As the father of 3 wonderful children, I believe in protecting the life of an unborn child.</i></p>	
<p><b>ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE:</b> Increasing health coverage options for uninsured Floridians, especially the unemployed and the working poor?</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: In 2018, I passed a bill, that is now Florida law, that allows Floridians to have access to better health care options. This law, known as Direct Primary Care, allows patients to have a contract directly with their doctor for primary care services. The monthly cost for families is less than \$100 per month. I support access to quality, affordable options.</i></p>	
<p><b>AFFORDABLE HOUSING:</b> Using all state housing trust funds as intended to address affordable housing needs in Florida?</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p><b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE:</b> Authorizing courts to impose a sentence less than the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment for nonviolent crimes?</p>	<p><b>NO RESPONSE</b></p>
<p><b>DEATH PENALTY REPEAL:</b> Ending Florida's use of the death penalty while preserving the alternative of a life sentence without parole?</p>	<p><b>OPPOSE</b></p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: I supported and voted for the bill that would change Florida's capital sentencing scheme. The legislation said to recommend a sentence of death, a minimum of 10 jurors must concur in the recommendation. (HB 7101 - 2016)</i></p>	
<p><b>END-OF-LIFE PROTECTION:</b> Preserving Florida law that bans doctor-prescribed suicide?</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p><b>FREEDOM TO SERVE:</b> Allowing health care providers and workers the freedom to serve in accord with their conscience?</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p><b>PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT:</b> Eliminating the requirement to attend public school the year prior to receiving a state scholarship for K-12 non-public schools?</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p><b>PROTECTING WORKERS:</b> Requiring drinking water, shade, and annual heat illness training be provided for farmworkers and other outdoor workers?</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services already has worker protection standards in place that our farmers are implementing. I support these standards and believe that our workers deserve fair working conditions. The private sector should take the lead on these issues so that it does not require a government mandate. They have done so for COVID by enacting food and worker safety measures in our state.</i></p>	
<p><b>RELIGIOUS FREEDOM:</b> 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?</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p>