



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS  
*Candidate Questionnaire Project*

2018 CANDIDATE RESPONSE  
U.S. House of Representatives District 12

**Angelika Purkis (NPA)**

***Do you support or oppose...***

**ABORTION CONSCIENCE PROTECTION:** Passing the Conscience Protection Act to further protect health care providers from being forced to participate in abortions?

**OPPOSE**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *Healthcare Providers should not be forced to do anything. As a provider, I think that we are completely aware when we choose our place of employment. I believe that funding should be in place for all health care. I believe that if there is ANY reason, rape or incest, for abortion, then no one other than the patient or provider need be involved in decision making. Certainly not the public. I think of my doula training and hearing of a 9 year old raped by her step-father.*

**ASSISTED SUICIDE PREVENTION:** Expressing the sense of Congress that assisted suicide puts everyone, especially the most vulnerable, at risk of deadly harm and undermines the integrity of the health care system?

**OPPOSE**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *I do not see the states that have this trying to repeal. It is run responsibly. People should not be forced to live foreseeable horror. It is again, between the patient and provider. Not anything I would want to be in the middle of, but there are those who have the heart to help the dying make decisions.*

**CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE:** Maintaining funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which provides low-cost, comprehensive health coverage for children of lower-income working families?

**SUPPORT**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *I know people who received help from this. The income is ridiculously low to qualify. The payment jumps greatly when the parents make "too much". It is an incentive not to work. But, we need every bit of help we can get, even if it is woefully inadequate and dysfunctional. Let's fix this together.*

**ENVIRONMENT:** Establishing a national Climate Solutions Commission to develop policies that are economically viable, protect the environment and mitigate the effects of climate change?

**SUPPORT**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *If we do not take our environment seriously, we will ruin the lives of future generations.*

**FREEDOM TO SERVE:** Protecting child welfare providers from being discriminated against by federal or state government entities due to the provider's religious beliefs or moral convictions?

**OPPOSE**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *There has to be some sanity. Remember, some practice Satanic Religion.*

**GUN CONTROL:** Restricting access to firearms by requiring universal background checks and bans of high capacity magazines and bump stocks?

**SUPPORT**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *Absolutely. We can travel freely but if we want to drive we need a license. We can defend ourselves, but there have to be rules. Some think they need to be armed incase of an oppressive government. Apparently they have not looked at the weapons that the government has. I stand with the kids who ask for the mass shootings to stop.*

**IMMIGRATION:** Achieving reforms that offer a path to citizenship for the undocumented who live in the U.S. and do not have a criminal record, expand family reunification and worker visas, secure our borders, and establish humane enforcement practices?

**SUPPORT**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *Food is being wasted in the fields. We need the migrant workers. Others offer services we want, and should be allowed visas. They need to be paid fairly, and with all of the protections that those with citizenship have.*

**INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE:** Expanding funding for U.S. international humanitarian and development assistance, which currently represents 0.6% of the federal budget?

**OPPOSE**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *There is so much poverty here in our nation. We do help others. We need to do much more here at home. The United Nations came this year and found many pockets of third world poverty here. It is not about making yourself feel good about a list. It is about doing what is needed. It starts HERE.*

**MENTAL HEALTH:** Increasing resources for the early identification and treatment of emotional and psychological disorders and addiction?

**SUPPORT**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *I have a Nursing Theory with a plan of action for these issues. I believe more money to the same programs will get us as far as it has to date. There needs to be a paradigm shift. Programs are duplicated, ineffective, and provide little more than office space. We need to make some serious changes with how this money is given and spent.*

**PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT:** Creating education savings accounts for students in military and Native American families to use for nonpublic school tuition?

**OPPOSE**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *School is FREE in our nation. If someone wants private school they should pay for it. Our public schools need not be torn apart they should be improved. Education for some and not all is not equitable, even if the populations mentioned pull at heart strings. ALL children are valuable.*