

FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS Candidate Questionnaire Project



2018 CANDIDATE RESPONSE Florida House of Representatives District 25

Kathleen "Katie" Tripp (DEM)

Do you support or oppose...

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

OPPOSE

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

SUPPORT

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

SUPPORT

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

SUPPORT

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

NO RESPONSE

Optional Candidate Comment: My understanding is that patients who have sought out physician-assisted suicide have often done so because of intolerable pain and suffering. I need more information regarding whether there is more we can do to help alleviate suffering so that suicide is not a desired path. I always strive to be compassionate in my decision-making. This is an important topic I will research further.

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

Optional Candidate Comment: This is a vague statement, which precludes me from taking a position. If you are referring to conversion therapies for members of our LGBTQ++ community, or banning same-sex marriage, I reject that this is a public service or that it is based on "reasoned conscientious beliefs."

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

SUPPORT

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

SUPPORT

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

OPPOSE

Optional Candidate Comment: If public monies are used for education, all schools need to be held to the same standards, which is not currently the case.

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

OPPOSE