



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS
Candidate Questionnaire Project

2018 CANDIDATE RESPONSE
U.S. House of Representatives District 4

John H. Rutherford (REP)

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?

SUPPORT

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?

SUPPORT

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: *THE House earlier passed a ten year extension with a plus up for CHIP*

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: *I'm a member of the climate change caucus*

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?

SUPPORT

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

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *Except high capacity magazines. We need to focus on mental health and this culture of death we started with Roe v Wade not the number of bullets carried. Five five round mags still give you twenty five rounds to kill with, if you have the desire to kill. Let's work on the desire to kill, but that requires we talk about God, values, sanctity of life and mental health. Good vs. Evil!! A conversation many in our society don't want to have because they are CONVICTED by it.*

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: *I voted for the GOODLATTE 2 bill which would achieve those very elements.*

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

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *Secretary Mattis said it best, "If your going to cut State Department Funding...buy me more bullets."*

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

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *This was in the STOP SCHOOL VIOLENCE ACT OF 2018...a bill I draft with the Sandy Hook Promise group and was signed into law by President Trump shortly after the Marjory Douglas HS shootings.*

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

SUPPORT