



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? **OPPOSE**

Optional Comments: I will support the law and decisions from Roe V Wade. I was raised catholic and I am going to follow my conscience.

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

Optional Comments: Expansion in Medicaid were recently passed in Oklahoma and Missouri and I want to fight to make sure every Floridian has access to healthcare no matter their employment status.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Using all state housing trust funds as intended to address affordable housing needs in Florida? **NO RESPONSE**

Optional Comments: I support addressing affordable housing needs but I want to do more research into the housing trust funds.

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

Optional Comments: I support abolishing mandatory minimums for nonviolent crimes.

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 support ending Florida's use of the death penalty. I had an aunt that was murdered so I understand why the death penalty might be sought by a victim's family but I also understand that the death penalty disproportionately affects people of color and those with disabilities.

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

Optional Comments: I am open to changing my decision if proper safeguards are put in place.

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

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

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

Optional Comments: I support our farm workers because they are the engine that supports our economy and provides us with our food.

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? **OPPOSE**

Optional Comments: While I support religious freedom I don't support discrimination of any kind. I also support the findings of Bostock V Clayton County Georgia.