



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**

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

Optional Comments: Medicaid expansion is one of my top priorities, and as the former Chair of Florida Healthy Kids I know how important all of these coverage options are for all Floridians, particularly in the current health crisis.

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

Optional Comments: The lack of affordable and workforce housing is one of the most important issues facing Florida and we have a solution which was agreed to by all parties when the Sadowski Trust Fund was created. Unfortunately, legislative leadership raids these funds every single year. I have always opposed this shifting of funds and will continue to do so.

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

Optional Comments: Mandatory minimums create enormous inequities in our criminal justice system. We need to restore judicial discretion to put non-violent offenders on a path to reform, not a lifetime in the criminal justice system.

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 doctor-prescribed suicide? **NO RESPONSE**

FREEDOM TO SERVE: Allowing health care providers and workers the freedom to serve in accord with their conscience? **NO RESPONSE**

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

Optional Comments: I support school choice, but not at the expense of public education. Public dollars should be used for public education.

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

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? **NO RESPONSE**