



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 support increased access to sexual education and contraceptives for all Floridians. I support a woman's right to make her own healthcare decisions.

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

Optional Comments: Healthcare is a Human Right. We all deserve affordable health insurance and an American standard of care.

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

Optional Comments: I support the William E. Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund. All state housing trust funds should be used to support affordable housing, as intended.

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

Optional Comments: Easing mandatory minimum sentencing will allow our communities and families to stay together and grow stronger.

DEATH PENALTY REPEAL: Ending Florida's use of the death penalty while preserving the alternative of a life sentence without parole? **NO RESPONSE**

Optional Comments: Locking people up and throwing away the key is not a solution. We can and must do better. Criminal Justice reform is imperative.

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

Optional Comments: Mentally competent, adult, terminal patients should be allowed to make their own healthcare decisions regarding end-of-life care.

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

Optional Comments: I believe we all deserve compassionate care, regardless of our gender, race, or religious beliefs. No one should feel or be discriminated against while obtaining medical care.

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

Optional Comments: Covid-19 has changed our society and education system. In order to keep our children, teachers, and school staff safe and healthy, I support eliminating this requirement.

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

Optional Comments: Living in a rural area, I have tremendous respect for our ESSENTIAL farmworkers. I will make it a priority to create better working conditions for those who grow and process our crops.

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?

SUPPORT

Optional Comments: So long as the rights of a student and their family are not infringed upon, I will respect the autonomy of schools that do not receive public funding.