



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: Growing up Catholic, I know that this is an important topic. I believe that decisions about a woman's health care should be between a woman and her God. Roe V. Wade is the legal precedent - the legal compromise - and should be protected. We also need to provide better education and funding for alternative options, such as adoption. According to Planned Parenthood, "Banning abortion after 20 weeks is a clear attempt to erode Roe v. Wade. In fact, 20-week ban proponents are outspoken about their goal to challenge the 1973 Supreme Court decision protecting the right to safe and legal abortion. 20-week bans criminalize doctors. Politicians shouldn't have the right to take options away from doctors in dangerous medical situations or prevent them from informing patients about all their health care options."

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

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

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

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

Optional Comments: Health care providers and workers take an oath to "abstain from all intentional wrong-doing and harm." Legislation should support this oath so that it best protects clients against discrimination.

PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT: Eliminating the requirement to attend public school the year prior to receiving a state scholarship for K-12 non-public schools? **NO RESPONSE**

Optional Comments: I attended a K-12 non-public school and support parent choice, but as it stands, I do not support how it affects public schools.

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? **OPPOSE**