



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? **SUPPORT**

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

Optional Comments: Access to affordable healthcare is a right of all Americans. If you have lost your job and nothing is what you can afford, then you should still not be denied healthcare.

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

Optional Comments: Absolutely, I am a Realtor and spend a lot of time fighting for affordable housing.

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

Optional Comments: I believe each offense should be judged on it's own merit, and the punishment should fit the crime. No more and no less.

DEATH PENALTY REPEAL: Ending Florida's use of the death penalty while preserving the alternative of a life sentence without parole? **SUPPORT**

Optional Comments: People who are worthy of the death penalty have committed crimes so gruesome that a simple injection for them to die peacefully is unacceptable. Since we can't commit them to the same fate as their victims, I think a slow and agonizing life behind bars with no possibility of parole to endanger the life of someone else's family will have to suffice.

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

Optional Comments: The protections should remain in place. I believe the temptation would be too great for doctors to participate in organ donations at a premature level.

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

Optional Comments: I cannot agree with this because I believe this is a slippery slope to healthcare discrimination even more so than it already is. They have taken an oath to do no harm, and to do nothing is in fact causing harm. People won't just stop at just certain procedures. Just like people who try to get on airplanes with a peacock saying it's a comfort animal.

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'm not that well versed on this subject, and after some research am unable to make an informed decision on this particular question.

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

Optional Comments: Absolutely!

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: If you are a non public school, and do not receive state or federal funding, then you can enforce whatever dress code you want. Just be careful to not violate any Civil Rights Act protected classes in the process.