



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS
2020 Candidate Questionnaire Project



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DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE...

<p>ABORTION LIMITS: Prohibiting abortion when a fetus has reached 20 weeks gestation and has the capacity to feel pain?</p>	<p>NO RESPONSE</p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: I deeply oppose the premise of this question. A woman's health should guide important medical decisions throughout her pregnancy, not political interference and personal perspectives. At every point in pregnancy, a woman's health and her specific circumstances should drive important medical decisions. When serious medical complications arise, doctors need access to the full range of medical treatment options, including C-section, induction, or abortion if that is the safest course. It should always be based on a woman's specific medical circumstance, along with the consultation of her chosen family and her own faith.</i></p>	
<p>ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE: Increasing health coverage options for uninsured Floridians, especially the unemployed and the working poor?</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: Absolutely, and I have fought to expand Medicaid since 2011.</i></p>	
<p>AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Using all state housing trust funds as intended to address affordable housing needs in Florida?</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: We were successful in the last legislative session in finally protecting these affordable housing dollars from being raided to fill other budget holes. We'll continue to protect these dollars, and advocate for additional solutions to expand affordable housing and support families who live in our hotels and motels.</i></p>	
<p>CRIMINAL JUSTICE: Authorizing courts to impose a sentence less than the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment for nonviolent crimes?</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: Proud to have sponsored legislation last legislative session to repeal mandatory minimums for nonviolent offense, and will continue to pursue meaningful criminal legal system reform.</i></p>	
<p>DEATH PENALTY REPEAL: Ending Florida's use of the death penalty while preserving the alternative of a life sentence without parole?</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>
<p>END-OF-LIFE PROTECTION: Preserving Florida law that bans doctor-prescribed suicide?</p>	<p>NO RESPONSE</p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: Death doesn't have to mean suffering and I am willing to learn more about compassionate choices for those who face a terminal illness.</i></p>	
<p>FREEDOM TO SERVE: Allowing health care providers and workers the freedom to serve in accord with their conscience?</p>	<p>NO RESPONSE</p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: I do not support someone being denied the care that they need based on a medical provider's personal beliefs. Health care decisions should be based on science.</i></p>	
<p>PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT: Eliminating the requirement to attend public school the year prior to receiving a state scholarship for K-12 non-public schools?</p>	<p>OPPOSE</p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: I don't understand the point of this policy agenda beyond continuing to defund public education via a state voucher system that has very little accountability.</i></p>	

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

SUPPORT

Optional Comments: I have been proud to support these efforts in the past legislative sessions.

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**

Optional Comments: If they are receiving public money, they should not be allowed to discriminate against students based on sexual orientation and/or gender identity.