



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? **NO RESPONSE**

Optional Comments: this needs to be assessed on an individual basis between doctor and patient

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

Optional Comments: All Floridians need to have healthcare coverage

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

Optional Comments: Affordable Housing is in short supply in Florida. We cannot continue to allow property values to increase in an effort to obtain more tax revenue without addressing the accessibility of affordable housing. In other words, we are keeping countless Floridians from home ownership because they are being shut out because of financial ability to afford down payments and skyrocketing insurance costs.

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

Optional Comments: the cost of incarcerating an offender is significant to the taxpayer. In the case of rehabilitated nonviolent offenders we should offer other options like house arrest and outprisoner (much like outpatient) programs so that the offender can supply the burden of their living cost not the taxpayer.

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**

Optional Comments: this must be decided between doctor and patient. So often end of life decisions are not able to be made by a person due to their mental status. In general I think this should be supported unless the pain can't be controlled and prognosis has been medically considered to be too grim

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? **NO RESPONSE**

Optional Comments: I do not understand this requirement. The step up for students program is a great program my own children are recipients. I would need to understand where the money is coming from to fund this and why this requirement would be in place.

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**

Optional Comments: If the school is getting state money then they should have to abide by public schools standards If they are truly private and not receiving state money then they can be on their own.