

# ALEXIS CARTER (DEM)

FL SENATE  
DISTRICT 9



**RESPONSE  
VERIFIED**



1. DO YOU SUPPORT THE CURRENT EXEMPTIONS AVAILABLE, RELIGIOUS AND MEDICAL? **I RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES TO MAKE HEALTHCARE DECISIONS BASED ON THEIR OWN RELIGIOUS AND PERSONAL BELIEFS. I ALSO SUPPORT A STATE'S POWER AND RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, WELFARE, AND SAFETY OF ITS RESIDENTS. CONSEQUENTLY, I SUPPORT A BALANCE BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND STATE RESPONSIBILITY.**

WOULD YOU SUPPORT A BILL EXPANDING THEM TO INCLUDE CONSCIENTIOUS? **N/A**

2. DO YOU SUPPORT MANDATED VACCINATION OF ANY KIND? **N/A**

3. HOW ABOUT MANDATED VACCINATION DURING DECLARATIONS OF EMERGENCIES?

**IN THE CONTEXT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION, SB 64, FOR EXAMPLE, ATTEMPTS TO ABOLISH EXEMPTIONS FROM SCHOOL-ENTRY HEALTH CARE EXAMINATIONS AND IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR RELIGIOUS REASONS. I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS BECAUSE IT IS OVERLY BROAD AND RESTRICTIVE ON THE EXERCISE OF CHOICE AND MEDICAL FREEDOM. IN LIGHT OF THE NEXUS BETWEEN PRIVATE INDUSTRY PROFIT AND GOVERNMENT DECISION MAKING, I AM VERY CRITICAL OF GOVERNMENT MANDATED VACCINES. WITH THAT SAID, I WOULD ASSES ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS WHETHER TO SUPPORT A PARTICULAR MANDATED VACCINE. MY DECISION WOULD BE BASED ON THE HEALTH RISK AND THE AMOUNT OF DATA AVAILABLE. I'M NOT THE TYPE OF PERSON TO GET CAUGHT UP IN HYSTERIA, AND I DO NOT TAKE THE DECISION TO INJECT SOMEONE WITH A VIRUS LIGHTLY. THEREFORE, MERELY DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WOULD NOT FORCE MY HAND TO DECISION. SHOW ME THE DATA**

4. GIVEN OUR CURRENT SITUATION AND UNDERSTANDING HOW IMPORTANT DATA COLLECTION IS, HOW CAN WE BEST IMPROVE UPON OUR VACCINE SAFETY DATA COLLECTION WHICH RIGHT NOW IS ONLY CAPTURING 1% OF ADVERSE REACTIONS? **AS WITH ALL PASSIVE SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS, UNDERREPORTING OCCURS WITH VACCINE ADVERSE EVENT REPORTING SYSTEM (VAERS). ACCORDING TO THE CDC, REPORTING EFFICIENCY IS HIGHER FOR SEVERE EVENTS THAN FOR MILD ONES. ONE WAY TO INCREASE REPORTING FOR Milder EVENTS IS TO PRESENT RESULTS OBTAINED FROM VAERS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS AND JOURNAL ARTICLES. SUCH EFFORTS ARE INTENDED TO INCREASE THE REPORTING RATE TO VAERS BY CONVEYING TO PHYSICIANS THE VALUE AND USEFULNESS OF THE REPORTS THEY SUBMIT.**

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