

Candidate Questionnaire Project Florida Catholic Conference

The legislative (state) questionnaire is as follows. The 10 questions are listed in alphabetical order:

ABORTION LIMITS: Prohibiting abortion when a fetus has reached 20 weeks gestation and has the capacity to feel pain? **ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE:** Increasing health coverage options for uninsured Floridians, especially the unemployed and the working poor? **AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Using all state housing trust funds as intended to address affordable housing needs in Florida? **CRIMINAL JUSTICE:** Authorizing courts to impose a sentence less than the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment for nonviolent crimes? **DEATH PENALTY REPEAL:** Ending Florida's use of the death penalty while preserving the alternative of a life sentence without parole? **END-OF-LIFE PROTECTION:** Preserving Florida law that bans doctor-prescribed suicide? **FREEDOM TO SERVE:** Allowing health care providers and workers the freedom to serve in accord with their conscience? **PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT:** Eliminating the requirement to attend public school the year prior to receiving a state scholarship for K-12 non-public schools? **PROTECTING WORKERS:** Requiring drinking water, shade, and annual heat illness training be provided for farmworkers and other outdoor workers? **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?

The congressional (federal) questionnaire is as followed. The 10 questions are listed in alphabetical order:

ABORTION FUNDING BAN: Maintaining the prohibition on the use of federal funds to pay for or provide insurance coverage for elective abortions? **ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE:** Preserving the state option for Medicaid expansion, which would allow Florida to expand coverage in the future? **CONSUMER PROTECTION:** Capping the interest rate on consumer credit loans (e.g., payday loans and vehicle title loans) at 36%? **DEATH PENALTY REPEAL:** Repealing the federal government's use of the death penalty? **ENVIRONMENT:** Investing federal funds in renewable energy innovation to mitigate harm to the natural environment? **GUN CONTROL:** Restricting access to firearms by requiring universal background checks? **HUMAN SEXUALITY:** Maintaining currently protected classes of individuals without adding new ones based on "sexual orientation" and "gender identity"? **IMMIGRATION:** Achieving comprehensive reforms that offer a path to citizenship for the undocumented who live in the U.S. and do not have a criminal record, expand family reunification and worker visas, secure our borders, and establish humane enforcement? **INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE:** Maintaining funding for U.S. international humanitarian and development assistance, which currently represents 1% of the federal budget? **PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT:** Providing individuals and businesses federal tax credits for donations to state-based scholarship programs for K-12 education?

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