



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS
2020 Candidate Questionnaire Project



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FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - DISTRICT 85

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? **OPPOSE**

Optional Comments: Florida Medicaid program is growing must faster than the rest of the budget. Maintain the current program with the same parameters is good fiscal policy.

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

Optional Comments: I am working on legislation to codify how \$ are spent for affordable housing in Florida from the Sadowski Trust Fund, to guarantee those funds are spent as intended.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE: Authorizing courts to impose a sentence less than the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment for nonviolent crimes? **NO RESPONSE**

Optional Comments: I agree the minimum sentences for some non-violent crimes are too long, and need to be revised. I support minimum mandatory at lower levels.

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

Optional Comments: I believe the taking of an innocent life is murder, and governments have the moral authority to use capital punishment for the most heinous murders.

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

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

PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT: Eliminating the requirement to attend public school the year prior to receiving a state scholarship for K-12 non-public schools? **SUPPORT**

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

Optional Comments: Not necessary to make it a government mandate. There is no documented abuses to my knowledge. I employ over 100 seasonal workers in my business.

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**