

2004 Catholic Conference of Kentucky Congressional Candidate Questionnaire

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

Abortion

- 1) Will you support or oppose legislation now pending in Congress to prevent federal agencies and states that receive federal health funds from discriminating against health care providers who do not perform or participate in abortions (Abortion Non-Discrimination Act, H.R. 3664 or S. 1397)?
- 2) Will you support or oppose using federal taxpayer funds for abortion?
- 3) Will you support or oppose a federal constitutional amendment to protect the right to life of unborn children?

Cloning

- 4) Will you support or oppose legislation already approved by the House of Representatives to ban human cloning for any purpose (Human Cloning Prohibition Act of 2003, H.R. 534 or S. 245)?

Physician-Assisted Suicide

- 5) Will you support or oppose legislation that would allow a physician to prescribe drugs specifically to assist in the suicide of patients diagnosed as terminally ill?

Embryo Research

- 6) Will you support or oppose legislation providing federal funds for research that requires destroying live human embryos to obtain their cells for experimentation (embryonic stem cell research)?

Capital Punishment:

- 7) Will you support or oppose legislation to abolish capital punishment?
- 8) Will you support or oppose, legislation intended to reduce the risk of executing innocent persons by ensuring access to DNA evidence and competent counsel in capital cases (Advancing Justice through DNA Technology Act of 2003, S. 1700)?

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Health Care

- 9) Will you support or oppose a national health policy to ensure there is affordable, accessible health care for all, with a priority for poor families and children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities?

Housing

- 10) Will you support or oppose, legislation to establish and authorize funding for a "National Affordable Housing Trust Fund" (National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2003, H.R. 1102)?
- 11) Will you support or oppose legislation to appropriate the full amount authorized for funding of the "Section 8 Rental Housing Voucher Program", which provides rental subsidies for certain low-income elderly or disabled persons and families?

Gun Control

- 12) Will you support or oppose legislation to require child-safety locks on handguns?
- 13) Will you support or oppose legislation to reauthorize the 1994 federal ban on specific models of military-style assault weapons?

Agriculture & Rural Development

- 14) Will you support or oppose legislation to reduce government subsidies to large corporate farms and redirect those funds to low-income new farmers and ranchers?
- 15) Will you support or oppose legislation to increase funding for conservation and rural development programs?

Economic Policies Affecting Low Income Families

- 16) Will you support or oppose reauthorization of the 1996 Welfare Reform Act's Temporary Assistant for Needy Families Provisions to maintain current work requirements, restore benefit eligibility to legal immigrants, and increase child care funding for low-income workers to at least \$6 billion over 5 years?
- 17) Will you support or oppose legislation to increase the federal minimum wage from the current \$5.15 per hour to \$7.00 per hour over two years?
- 18) Under current law a family needs an income of \$10,570 or more per year to receive the low-income refundable child tax credit. Will you support or oppose legislation to make this benefit available to low-income working families with children whose income is less than \$10,570 per year?

EDUCATION

Federal Education Programs

- 19) Will you support or oppose legislation, like the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, to provide federal educational benefits to eligible private and religious elementary and secondary school students and teachers on an equitable basis to what public school students and teachers receive?
- 20) Will you support or oppose legislation which requires that special education services be provided by school districts on site at the private and religious schools attended by children with disabilities, rather than the current practice of providing services at the public school site?

School Choice

- 21) Will you support or oppose legislation to provide tax credits for education-related expenses incurred by parents of children attending K-through-12 public, private, or religious schools?
- 22) Will you support or oppose legislation to provide tax credits for corporate and individual donations for K-through-12 scholarships for students in public, private, or religious schools?
- 23) Will you support or oppose an education "voucher" or scholarship program that funds all or part of the K-through-12 education of low-income children attending public, private, or religious schools?