



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS  
*Candidate Questionnaire Project*

2018 CANDIDATE RESPONSE  
Florida House of Representatives District 86

**LAUREL S. BENNETT (REP)**

*Do you support or oppose...*

**ABORTION REGULATION:** Requiring parental consent before a minor child's abortion, notwithstanding previous judicial concerns?

**NO RESPONSE**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *I will follow the law. Please bear in mind, that no women that I know of, get up in the morning and say, I think I will go get pregnant and have an abortion tomorrow. It doesn't happen. No women wants an abortion unless she is held captive and tortured and will be killed if found pregnant. Such is the case of Sharia law and men who say their wife cheated on him while he wants her dead because he is in love with another.....*

**ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE:** Increasing access to care for uninsured Floridians, especially the working poor?

**SUPPORT**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *Open up the insurance brokering to outside of the country insurance agencies and the price should go way down for insurance.. You can get a knee replacement surgery in Mexico for 13K while here it will cost 35. Doctors come here to be trained and then they return to their homeland. Why not travel to a foreign county and see the sights while saving money for the insurance companies and ourselves yet getting the surgery done for a significant savings.*

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

**SUPPORT**

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

**OPPOSE**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *Judging by the amount of people in the prison system, this has already been done and is not working. Follow the law and see if the crime rate doesn't drop. Countries with the death penalty used have the lowest crime rates.*

**END-OF-LIFE PROTECTION:** Preserving Florida law that bans physician-assisted suicide?

**NO RESPONSE**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *I watched my husband suffer through 10 years of Parkinson's Disease, cancer, strokes, and suffering. We put our animals out of suffering by euthanizing them yet we make our loved human ones suffer. I am not sure I was right to do this.. I'll let God be the judge.*

**FREEDOM TO SERVE:** Allowing individuals and organizations the freedom to serve the public in accord with reasoned conscientious beliefs related to sexuality and marriage?

**NO RESPONSE**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *I'm good with this except with Sharia Law...the enforcement of child slavery and the belief that you can marry a 9 year old... Additionally, my rights should not be superseded by another's right.*

**IMMIGRATION:** Urging Congress to undertake extensive immigration reform, rather than adopting piecemeal state policies?

**SUPPORT**

**JUVENILE JUSTICE:** Establishing that children under 14 shall not be transferred to the adult criminal justice system?

**NO RESPONSE**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *Id like to see the state mental hospitals reopened so that in event that a psychopath is born, they could be removed from society from an early age, thus avoiding the prison system all together.*

**PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT:** Creating education savings accounts to use for nonpublic school tuition?

**SUPPORT**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *I couldn't agree with you more on this!!*

**SAFETY OF SCHOOLCHILDREN:** Expanding existing legislative initiatives to harden the physical security of nonpublic schools?

**SUPPORT**