



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS  
*Candidate Questionnaire Project*

2018 CANDIDATE RESPONSE  
Florida Senate District 10

**Michael Cottrell (DEM)**

*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:** *There are too many variables NOT addressed in this question. For example: In cases of incest, rape by a parent, a minor living on their own.*

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

**SUPPORT**

**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?

**SUPPORT**

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

**OPPOSE**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *We tend to treat our pets with more respect than our elderly, in cases of "End of Life." Someone in severe pain due to terminal cancer should NOT have to endure the pain of just "waiting to die." A person in that situation should have the opportunity to pass with dignity (should they choose so), as opposed to spending their final weeks/months, in a fog of morphine, just to satisfy someone else's idea of how they should die.*

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

**OPPOSE**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *I do not support ANY form of discrimination. I would not support an Atheist refusing to bake a cake for a Catholic couple on grounds that said baker does not believe in God.*

**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?

**SUPPORT**

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

**OPPOSE**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *I believe public monies should be used for public schools only.*

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

**OPPOSE**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *public monies should be used for public schools.*