



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS
Candidate Questionnaire Project

2018 CANDIDATE RESPONSE
U.S. House of Representatives District 23

Joseph “Joe” Kaufman (REP)

Do you support or oppose...

ABORTION CONSCIENCE PROTECTION: Passing the Conscience Protection Act to further protect health care providers from being forced to participate in abortions?

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *I am proud to be pro-life.*

ASSISTED SUICIDE PREVENTION: Expressing the sense of Congress that assisted suicide puts everyone, especially the most vulnerable, at risk of deadly harm and undermines the integrity of the health care system?

SUPPORT

CHILDREN’S HEALTH CARE: Maintaining funding for the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which provides low-cost, comprehensive health coverage for children of lower-income working families?

SUPPORT

ENVIRONMENT: Establishing a national Climate Solutions Commission to develop policies that are economically viable, protect the environment and mitigate the effects of climate change?

OPPOSE

Optional Candidate Comment: *No need for more red tape. The EPA is red tape enough.*

FREEDOM TO SERVE: Protecting child welfare providers from being discriminated against by federal or state government entities due to the provider’s religious beliefs or moral convictions?

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *Religious liberty is extremely important to me, and churches should know that I have their backs regarding it.*

GUN CONTROL: Restricting access to firearms by requiring universal background checks and bans of high capacity magazines and bump stocks?

OPPOSE

Optional Candidate Comment: *More gun control will not make us any safer. It will only result in the whittling down of our Constitutional and God-given rights.*

IMMIGRATION: Achieving 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 practices?

OPPOSE

Optional Candidate Comment: *We do not need amnesty. What we need to have is immigration reform that streamlines legal immigration, in addition to security matters, including e-verify and a wall to keep out those with sinister intentions.*

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE: Expanding funding for U.S. international humanitarian and development assistance, which currently represents 0.6% of the federal budget?

SUPPORT

MENTAL HEALTH: Increasing resources for the early identification and treatment of emotional and psychological disorders and addiction?

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *I lost a cousin, as a result of his addiction to Oxycodone. This is a very personal issue for me, and I will use my experience to create legislation.*

PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT: Creating education savings accounts for students in military and Native American families to use for nonpublic school tuition?

SUPPORT

Optional Candidate Comment: *I support school vouchers. I believe industry needs to partner with schools to provide voucher funding and vocational training for our youth.*