

## 2019 - 2020 Congressional Questionnaire

Name: James Douglass Noteware Office Sought: Congress District #: 7

1. Do you live in the district that you seek to represent?
  - a. Yes  Yes
    - i. How long have you resided there? 27 years
    - ii. Do you rent or own? Own
  - b. No
  - c. Other (Please explain.)  
In which district do you live?

2. When do you believe life begins?
  - a. Fertilization
  - b. Viability (Please define "viability.")
  - c. Birth
  - d. Other (Please explain.) Ensloulment, which cooccurs with fertilization.

### **ABORTION**

Texas Right to Life believes that unborn children should be protected under law from the moment of fertilization.

3. In what circumstances, if any, do you believe that abortion should be legal?  
When abortion is the unintended consequence of a medically necessary procedure such as in an entopic pregnancy.
4. Would you vote for measures that codify unborn children as persons from the moment of fertilization?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No  Yes
  - c. Other (Please explain.)
5. Do you support the complete reversal of the *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions, thereby allowing state legislatures and the U.S. Congress to once again protect unborn children?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No  I want to see the unborn be given rights. Reversing Roe leaves legislation such as passed in New York and contemplated by Virginia
  - c. Other (Please explain.) permissible. Passing legislation protecting the unborn and setting a new standard is a wiser course of action.
6. Would you support conscience clause legislation that would protect health care providers from participation in abortions, objectionable stem cell research, withdrawal and denial of medical treatment from a patient, and other biomedical assaults on innocent human life? Such a measure would cover individual health care providers, pharmacists, hospitals, and other medical professionals.
  - a. Yes
  - b. No  Yes
  - c. Other (Please explain.)

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7. Would you support the Child Custody Protection Act that prohibits the transport of minors across state lines to undergo a secret abortion without parental involvement?
- a. Yes Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Other (Please explain.)
8. Would you support the Child Interstate Notification Act that requires an abortionist to notify a parent before performing an abortion on a minor who is a resident of another state?
- a. Yes Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Other (Please explain.)
9. Would you support the anonymous collection of statistical and demographic data on all abortions through mandated uniform reporting requirements? (The woman's anonymity would be protected at all times.)
- a. Yes Yes with one exception. If the woman is younger than the age of consent
  - b. No the matter should be referred to law enforcement, which necessitates
  - c. Other (Please explain.) revealing the mother's name.
10. Based on the notion that the U.S. holds an interest in protecting unborn human life capable of feeling pain, would you support banning elective abortions past 20 weeks of gestation?
- a. Yes Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Other (Please explain.)
11. Would you support measures to prohibit coercing a woman into seeking or undergoing an abortion against her will?
- a. Yes Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Other (Please explain.)

### **DEFUNDING THE ABORTION INDUSTRY**

Currently, federal law prohibits tax dollars from directly funding abortions. However, the most recent annual report for Planned Parenthood Federation of America, America's largest abortion provider, shows \$363 million in government funding plus \$1 billion in assets. The abortion industry receives funding under "family planning" grants, which free up other funds to be used for abortions and enable a shell game of abortion financing with Americans tax dollars.

12. Do you support federal, state, or local tax dollars funding the abortion industry?
- a. Yes No
  - b. No
  - c. Other (Please explain.)

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13. In 1970, the Public Health Service Act was amended to establish the Title X Family Planning Program. Would you support a total repeal of the Title X family planning funds in order to stop lining the coffers of the abortion industry with tax payer dollars?
- a. Yes Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Other (Please explain.)
14. Would you support restructuring the rules for Medicaid so that no Medicaid funds are awarded to agencies that commit, promote, or refer for abortions or affiliate with entities that commit abortion?
- a. Yes
  - b. No Yes, subject to answer 3.
  - c. Other (Please explain.)
15. Would you support appropriations rules and measures that prevent all health care and family planning grants from being awarded to agencies that commit, counsel, or refer for abortions or contract or affiliate with such agencies?
- a. Yes Yes, subject to answer 3.
  - b. No
  - c. Other (Please explain.)
16. Would you vote against any bill that includes funding of abortions, regardless of the bill's other subject matter?
- a. Yes Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Other (Please explain.)

### **LIFE BEGUN BY SCIENTIFIC MEANS**

Texas Right to Life understands that the right to life of a human being must be respected at every stage of biological development, beginning with the moment of fertilization, regardless of where fertilization occurred (e.g., a womb, a *Petri* dish, another scientific, artificial venue, etc.). Humans in their tiny, embryonic stage of development should not be used for lethal medical experimentation, including embryonic humans whose lives have begun through scientific means, including cloning. The process of research/therapeutic cloning by which a human embryo is created is also called somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Despite the semantics, any measures allowing SCNT by definition sanctions the process of human cloning.

As an alternative to a complete ban on human cloning, misleading legislation has been proposed that would permit research or therapeutic cloning to manufacture human embryos (often using the SCNT process) for medical research. Such measures prohibit the implantation of any such embryo in a woman's womb while mandating the killing of these cloned embryos in the laboratory at a specified stage of gestation if the embryo has not yet been killed through research.

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17. Would you support a legal prohibition on all human cloning, which is the asexual creation of human embryos through scientific means?
- a. Yes Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Other (Please explain.)
18. Would you support legislation that would prohibit the scientific production and subsequent destruction of a human embryo to harvest the stem cells for research/therapeutic cloning? (This process is also called SCNT.)
- a. Yes Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Other (Please explain.)
19. Would you vote to prohibit publicly-funded universities, medical centers, and hospitals from engaging in any type of human cloning, including research/therapeutic cloning, SCNT, and embryonic stem cell research?
- a. Yes Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Other (Please explain.)

## PATIENT AUTONOMY

The Pro-Life movement seeks not only to protect the unborn but also the vulnerable, especially the aged and disabled, from euthanasia and other threats to their lives. We consider the rationing of health care, resulting in the denial of life-saving medical treatment, to be a deprivation of civil liberties and involuntary euthanasia.

20. Do you think doctors or hospitals should be allowed to unilaterally place a DNR (Do-Not-Resuscitate) order on a patient without the consent of the patient or the family/surrogate of the patient?
- a. Yes No
  - b. No
  - c. Other (Please explain.)
21. Do you support the rights of patients to receive life-sustaining medical treatment, even if the hospital or health care facility wishes to withdraw and/or deny such treatment and care?
- a. Yes I oppose the Texas Advanced Directives Act. As the question does not distinguish between ordinary measures and extraordinary measures I cannot answer yes or no. Ordinary measures should be maintained. Extraordinary measures a workable answer needs to be formulated.
  - b. No
  - c. Other (Please explain.)
22. When a hospital or physician disagrees with the wishes or treatment decisions of a patient and his/her family/surrogate, would you support a measure to allow ample time for the hospital and physician to facilitate transferring the patient to a more appropriate care setting?
- a. Yes 90 days seems like an appropriate amount of time to facilitate transfer.
  - b. No
  - c. Other (Please explain.)

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## FEDERAL HEALTH CARE REFORM

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), which passed U.S. Congress in March of 2010, establishes a system of health care rationing, thereby forbidding Americans from choosing life-saving medical treatment. PPACA authorizes a specially selected committee of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, called the Independent Payment Advisory Commission, to establish and impose quality, cost, and efficiency standards for health care services and on health care providers; this commission is another veiled sanction of the government deciding who is eligible for what type of service, treatment, or medication. Thus, if implemented, PPACA will result in involuntary euthanasia by denying certain people life-sustaining medical care.

PPACA also marks the largest expansion of government-funded abortion in the history of the United States. PPACA provides subsidies for private health plans that cover elective abortion and includes provisions that are likely to result in further expansion of abortion through administrative actions by various federal agencies.

23. Would you vote to repeal the “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act”?

- a. Yes Yes
- b. No
- c. Other (Please explain.)

24. Are you in favor of authorizing waivers so that state exchanges can opt out of abortion coverage without penalty?

- a. Yes Yes
- b. No
- c. Other (Please explain.)

25. Do you agree that federal law should not limit how private citizens spend their own money for medical care and treatment to save their lives or the lives of their family members?

- a. Yes Yes, to the limits of FDA approved and authorized experimental procedures.
- b. No
- c. Other (Please explain.)

26. Would you vote to restore the rights of seniors to supplement Medicare with their own money so as to obtain private-fee-for-service plans less likely to ration health care?

- a. Yes Yes
- b. No
- c. Other (Please explain.)

## POLITICAL SPEECH

In its landmark 1976 ruling in *Buckley v. Valeo* and in more recent cases, the Supreme Court has ruled that the First Amendment protects the right of citizen groups to comment freely on the positions of politicians on various issues (called “issue advocacy”), regardless of proximity to elections, without government-imposed restrictions, and without disclosing the names of citizens who donate in support of such commentary. The Supreme Court has

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held that this immunity from government regulation extends to voter guides, TV and radio ads, scorecards of votes in Congress, and any other commentary on specific politicians.

Texas Right to Life is strongly opposed to any legislation that would infringe on the right of groups to disseminate printed or broadcast issue advocacy communications that comment on candidates' positions and voting records, including any restrictions on the timing, amount, or funding sources for such speech, or any requirement that the names of their donors be reported to the government.

27. Will you oppose any legislation that would restrict or regulate the right of nonprofit corporations (not PACs) to engage in unrestricted commentary (issue advocacy) on the positions and voting records of specific officeholders and office seekers?
- a. Yes Yes in general, but I would support legislation requiring the nonprofit to identify themselves as the actor.
  - b. No
  - c. Other (Please explain.)
28. Would you oppose legislation that would require that names of citizens who fund such communications be reported to the government? Yes
- a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Other (Please explain.)

## GENERAL

29. Will you pledge to share all your Pro-Life legislative ideas with Texas Right to Life prior to taking action or filing any bills or amendments? (Doing so enables us to help inform others about upcoming issues and allows us to better research and finesse language, and support you.)
- a. Yes Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Other (Please explain.)

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