



Archdiocese of Philadelphia

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE: 2012 PRIMARY ELECTION

**PRIMARY ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012.
POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.**

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Voters guides to candidates running for the U.S. Senate and statewide offices in Pennsylvania that were prepared and distributed by the PCC are available here.

- [Voters Guide: Candidates for U.S. Senate](#)
- [Voters Guide: Candidates for Pennsylvania statewide offices](#)

Candidates were surveyed on a broad range of topics of interest to Catholic voters, and their responses are being published without comment of the Office for

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U.S. House of Representatives

Candidates Responding District-Candidate (Party)

1. John Featherman (Republican)
6. Jim Gerlach (Republican)
7. Patrick Meehan (Republican)
16. Joseph Pitts (Republican)
All other candidates did not respond.

1. Do you support or oppose legislation to continue and expand current federal laws that provide educational benefits to students and teachers in private and religious schools on an equitable basis in comparison to the benefits received by public school students and teachers?

1. Featherman-R: Support
6. Gerlach-R: Support
7. Meehan-R: Support
16. Pitts-R: Support

2. What is your position on providing a federal tax credit to businesses that donate to scholarship organizations that provide scholarships for low-income students at private and religious schools in grades kindergarten through 12?

1. Featherman-R: Support
6. Gerlach-R: Support
7. Meehan-R: Support

16. Pitts-R: Support

3. Do you support or oppose legislation that would permit undocumented immigrants who have lived in the United States for a number of years, have worked and built equities in our country, and who do not have criminal records to register with the government and take steps to earn legal status?

1. Featherman-R: Oppose
6. Gerlach-R: Oppose.; Comment: I support legal immigration and oppose amnesty for those who having knowingly violated our immigration laws.
7. Meehan-R: No response. Comment: I do not support amnesty. There should be penalties for the breaking the law and certain restitutions would need to be made before allowing illegal immigrants to begin the naturalization process.
16. Pitts-R: No response.; Comment: Because promises made in 1986 were not kept, most Americans won't support status normalization until immigration laws are enforced.

4. Do you support or oppose current levels of poverty-focused development assistance to reduce global poverty and increase the percentage of gross domestic

product (GDP) contributed in foreign aid?

1. Featherman-R: Oppose
6. Gerlach-R: Both.; Comment: I support current level of assistance and oppose increasing the percentage of GDP in foreign aid.
7. Meehan-R: Support
16. Pitts-R: Oppose

5. Do you support or oppose current levels of aid for refugees who are fleeing from persecution abroad and to provide adequate funding for the U.S. refugee admissions and resettlement programs?

1. Featherman-R: Oppose
6. Gerlach-R: Support
7. Meehan-R: Support
16. Pitts-R: Support

6. Do you support or oppose legislation to prevent federal agencies and states that receive federal funds from discriminating against health care providers who do not perform or participate in abortions (Hyde-Weldon Amendment)?

1. Featherman-R: Support
6. Gerlach-R: Support
7. Meehan-R: Support
16. Pitts-R: Support

7. Do you support or oppose embryonic stem cell research?

- 1. Featherman-R: Support
- 6. Gerlach-R: Support.; Comment: I support such research provided the natural parents of the embryo agree in writing to the research and certify that the embryo would have otherwise destroyed.
- 7. Meehan-R: No response. Comment: I do not support funding the creation of embryos to be destroyed for research. I do agree that research on existing embryos that otherwise will be destroyed should be allowed.
- 16. Pitts-R: Oppose

8. Do you support or oppose legislation that would guarantee comprehensive freedom of conscience for health care professionals, providers and institutions?

- 1. Featherman-R: Support
- 6. Gerlach-R: Support
- 7. Meehan-R: Support
- 16. Pitts-R: Support

9. Do you support or oppose effort to pass legislation (i.e. the Federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act) that would make sexual orientation and gender identity or expression protected classes that are equivalent to other protected classes (e.g. race, religion, sex, etc.)?

- 1. Featherman-R: Support
- 6. Gerlach-R: Neither.; Comment: I support protection from discrimination based on race, religion, gender and sexual orientation, but I don't support extension to other proposed classes at this time.
- 7. Meehan-R: No response. Comment: I oppose discrimination; I would have to review any proposed legislation to ensure it protects everyone's Constitutional Rights.
- 16. Pitts-R: Oppose

10. Do you support or oppose the overturning of the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)?

- 1. Featherman-R: Support
- 6. Gerlach-R: Oppose
- 7. Meehan-R: No response. Comment: I believe marriage is between a man and a woman, and that the federal government has a role in protecting states' and the citizens' ability to decide marriage laws for themselves.
- 16. Pitts-R: Oppose

Pennsylvania General Assembly State Senate

Candidates Responding District-Candidate (Party)

- 1. Lawrence Farnese (Democratic)
 - 1. Alfonso Gambone (Republican)
 - 9. Roger Howard (Republican)
- All other candidates did not respond.

1. What is your position on legislation that would provide direct grants to parents to choose the schools that they believe are best suited for their children, including nonpublic schools?

- 1. Farnese-D: Oppose. Comment: This depends highly on the type of program proposed, but generally I am against it.
- 1. Gambone-R: Support
- 9. Howard-R: Support

2. Do you support or oppose embryonic stem cell research?

- 1. Farnese-D: Support
- 1. Gambone-R: Oppose
- 9. Howard-R: Oppose

3. What is your position on amending the Pennsylvania Constitution to define marriage as

the union between one man and one woman?

- 1. Farnese-D: Oppose
- 1. Gambone-R: No response. Comment: I support a statewide referendum on this issue.
- 9. Howard-R: Support

4. Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

- a. I do not oppose legalized abortion.
- b. I oppose legalized abortion in all circumstances.
- c. I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger.
- d. I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.

- 1. Farnese-D: a) I do not oppose legalized abortion.
- 1. Gambone-R: d) I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.
- 9. Howard-R: c) I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger.

5. Do you support or oppose legislation that would add state restrictions to existing federal prohibitions concerning the hiring of undocumented immigrants or the provision of healthcare or government services to the undocumented?

- 1. Farnese-D: Oppose
- 1. Gambone-R: Support
- 9. Howard-R: No response. Comment: This question is too broad for a single word answer. I support legislation to require Pennsylvania employers to remit withholding taxes to the state for all employees.

6. What is your position on the death penalty?

- 1. Farnese-D: Oppose
- 1. Gambone-R: Support
- 9. Howard-R: Oppose. Comment: I do not think that the death penalty is a violation of the 8th Amendment as it is specifically allowed by the 5th Amendment on condition of due process. However, today it is too costly.

7. What is your position on restoring state funding to the Homeowners Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (HEMAP) which provides low-interest loans to homeowners facing possible foreclosure through no fault of their own?

1. Farnese-D: Support
1. Gambone-R: Oppose
9. Howard-R: No response. Comment: This question presupposes that there is a well-managed government agency that can make such a determination. I believe in private charity. When government seeks to be a charitable organization, it attempts to supplant the church.

8. What is your position on legislation requiring employers to provide employee benefits to which they morally opposed, for example, mandating coverage for contraceptives or benefits to same-sex partners of employees?

1. Farnese-D: Support
1. Gambone-R: No response. Comment: I do support benefits for same sex partners but oppose mandated contraceptives.
9. Howard-R: Oppose. Comment: 1st Amendment: "...free practice thereof"

9. Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

- a. **Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should be subject to government review of educational content.**
- b. **Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow state standards for health and safety of children, but be free to determine their own educational content based on teachings of their faith tradition.**
- c. **Religious childcare and pre-k providers should be free from government regulation.**

1. Farnese-D: b) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow state standards for health and safety of children, but be free to determine their own educational content based on teachings of their faith tradition.

1. Gambone-R: b) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow state standards for health and safety of children, but be free to determine their own educational content based on teachings of their faith tradition.

9. Howard-R: b) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow state standards for health and safety of children, but be free to determine their own educational content based on teachings of their

faith tradition. Comment: 1st Amendment: "...free practice thereof"

10. Do you support or oppose legislation that would restrict taxpayer funding of abortion in Pennsylvania's health insurance exchange created by the federal health care reform law?

1. Farnese-D: Oppose
1. Gambone-R: Oppose
9. Howard-R: Support. Comment: The first responsibility of government is to protect life.

11. What is your position on legislation that forces health care providers to provide, pay for or refer services contrary to their conscience for moral or religious reasons?

1. Farnese-D: Support
1. Gambone-R: Oppose
9. Howard-R: Oppose

12. Do you support or oppose increased funding for Educational Improvement Tax Credits (EITC) where the state budget includes an increase in public school funding?

1. Farnese-D: Support. Comment: It would depend greatly on the circumstances.
1. Gambone-R: Support
9. Howard-R: Support

Pennsylvania General Assembly State House of Representatives

**Candidates Responding
District-Candidate (Party)**

18. Gene DiGirolamo (Republican)
26. Tim Hennessey (Republican)
26. Mike Hays (Democratic)
31. Anne Chapman (Republican)
53. Robert Godshall (Republican)
61. Kate Harper (Republican)
61. Jo White (Democratic)
141. Anthony Sposato (Republican)
145. Paul Clymer (Republican)
146. Thomas Quigley (Republican)
146. Mark Painter (Democratic)
147. Marcy Toepel (Republican)
152. Thomas Murt (Republican)
155. John Muller (Republican)
155. Becky Corbin (Republican)
157. Warren Kampf (Republican)
163. Nicholas Micozzie (Republican)
163. Robert Cassidy (Democratic)
167. Duane Milne (Republican)
167. Joe Corrigan (Republican)
168. Thomas Killion (Republican)

170. George Weiss (Republican)
177. William Dunbar (Democratic)
182. Babette Josephs (Democratic)
203. Sabriya Bilal (Democratic)
203. Lamon Thomas (Democratic)
All other candidates did not respond.

1. What is your position on legislation that would provide direct grants to parents to choose the schools that they believe are best suited for their children, including nonpublic schools?

18. DiGirolamo-R: Support
26. Hennessey-R: Support
26. Hays-D: Oppose. Comment: This proposal siphons public tax dollars away from public schools. In the case of underperforming schools I am open to allowing those students to attend charter schools, but not religious schools.

31. Chapman-R: Support. Comment: Parents should have the right to educate their children as they see fit.
53. Godshall-R: Support. Comment: I have voted for the same.
61. Harper-R: Support.
61. White-D: Oppose
141. Sposato-R: Support
145. Clymer-R: Support
146. Quigley-R: Support
146. Painter-D: Oppose
147. Toepel-R: Support
152. Murt-R: Support
155. Muller-R: Support. Comment: I support a voucher system.
155. Corbin-R: Support
157. Kampf-R: Support. Comment: I believe in the principles behind this, but in these economic times do not know how this would impact both state governments and school districts. I would be supportive of at least a test or pilot program.
163. Micozzie-R: Support

163. Cassidy-D: Support
167. Milne-R: Support. Comment: Excellent education is the best gift families can provide children.
167. Corrigan-R: Support
168. Killion-R: Support
170. Weiss-R: Support
177. Dunbar-D: Support
182. Josephs-D: Oppose
203. Bilal-D: Support. Comment: To the degree that it does not close public education.
203. Thomas-D: Support

2. Do you support or oppose embryonic stem cell research?

18. DiGirolamo-R: Oppose
26. Hennessey-R: Oppose
26. Hays-D: Support. Comment: This research can help heal people.
31. Chapman-R: Oppose
53. Godshall-R: Support. Comment: I am only alive today because of a stem cell transplant.
61. Harper-R: No response. Comment: I am undecided on this—a federal issue.
61. White-D: Support
141. Sposato-R: Oppose
145. Clymer-R: Oppose
146. Quigley-R: Oppose
146. Painter-D: Support
147. Toepel-R: Oppose
152. Murt-R: Oppose
155. Muller-R: Oppose
155. Corbin-R: Oppose
157. Kampf-R: Support. Comment: Although I am not an expert in the field I believe I know enough to say that the possibility of fighting or curing medical conditions exists in this research and I am not willing to support a ban on its occurrence for that reason.
163. Micozzie-R: Oppose
163. Cassidy-D: Oppose
167. Milne-R: Support. Comment: Abortions should not be performed for this purpose.
167. Corrigan-R: Oppose
168. Killion-R: Oppose
170. Weiss-R: Oppose
177. Dunbar-D: Oppose
182. Josephs-D: Support
203. Bilal-D: Comment: I do not have enough information to comment.
203. Thomas-D: Oppose

3. What is your position on amending the Pennsylvania Constitution to define marriage as the union between one man and one woman?

18. DiGirolamo-R: Support
26. Hennessey-R: Support

26. Hays-D: Oppose. Comment: We should not use the law to exclude or divide people
31. Chapman-R: Support
53. Godshall-R: Support
61. Harper-R: Support
61. White-D: Oppose
141. Sposato-R: Support
145. Clymer-R: Support
146. Quigley-R: Support
146. Painter-D: Oppose
147. Toepel-R: Support
152. Murt-R: Support
155. Muller-R: Support
155. Corbin-R: Support
157. Kampf-R: Comment: As a strict constructionist and attorney, I have reservations about using the constitution to deal with matters that could be handled legislatively.
163. Micozzie-R: Support
163. Cassidy-D: Support
167. Milne-R: Support. Comment: Family is the key cornerstone of civilization.
167. Corrigan-R: Support
168. Killion-R: Support
170. Weiss-R: Support
177. Dunbar-D: Support
182. Josephs-D: Oppose
203. Bilal-D: Oppose
203. Thomas-D: Support

4. Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

- a. **I do not oppose legalized abortion.**
- b. **I oppose legalized abortion in all circumstances.**
- c. **I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger.**
- d. **I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.**

18. DiGirolamo-R: d) I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.
26. Hennessey-R: d) I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.
26. Hays-D: a) I do not oppose legalized abortion.
31. Chapman-R: b) I oppose legalized abortion in all circumstances.
53. Godshall-R: d) I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.
61. Harper-R: d) I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.

61. White-D: a) I do not oppose legalized abortion.
141. Sposato-R: d) I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.
145. Clymer-R: d) I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.
146. Quigley-R: b) I oppose legalized abortion in all circumstances.
146. Painter-D: a) I do not oppose legalized abortion.
147. Toepel-R: d) I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.
152. Murt-R: c) I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger.
155. Muller-R: d) I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest
155. Corbin-R: d) I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.
157. Kampf-R: d) I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.
163. Micozzie-R: d) I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.
163. Cassidy-D: b) I oppose legalized abortion in all circumstances. Comment: The most beautiful woman I ever met was the result of a rape. She said "What would I tell my own two sons; "That I should not have been born."
167. Milne-R: a) I do not oppose legalized abortion. Comment: I believe it is between a woman and her God, and her doctors.
167. Corrigan-R: c) I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger.
168. Killion-R: d) I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.
170. Weiss-R: b) I oppose legalized abortion in all circumstances.
177. Dunbar-D: a) I do not oppose legalized abortion.
182. Josephs-D: a) I do not oppose legalized abortion.
203. Bilal-D: a) I do not oppose legalized abortion.
203. Thomas-D: b) I oppose legalized abortion in all circumstances.

5. Do you support or oppose legislation that would add state restrictions to existing federal prohibitions concerning the hiring of undocumented immigrants or the provision of healthcare or government services to the undocumented?

18. DiGirolamo-R: No Response.
26. Hennessey-R: No Response.
26. Hays-D: Oppose. Comment: The federal government holds this responsibility.
31. Chapman-R: Support
53. Godshall-R: No response.
Comment: No position.
61. Harper-R: Oppose. Comment: Healthcare should be given to anyone with a life threatening illness or emergency, but jobs should go to citizens and those legally allowed to be here.
61. White-D: Oppose
141. Sposato-R: Support
145. Clymer-R: Support
146. Quigley-R: Oppose
146. Painter-D: Oppose
147. Toepel-R: No response.
Comment: Undecided.
152. Murt-R: Support
155. Muller-R: Support
155. Corbin-R: Support. Comment: I oppose increased Federal mandates but support state efforts to require worker documentation as it pertains to citizenship.
157. Kampf-R: Support. Comment: I do believe there should be prohibitions concerning the hiring of illegal immigrants both because we should not reward those who break our laws, and because it places companies that do follow the law at a competitive disadvantage with those who do not.
163. Micozzie-R: Support
163. Cassidy-D: Oppose
167. Milne-R: Support. Comment: Humanitarian needs must be met as a matter of morality.
167. Corrigan-R: Oppose
168. Killion-R: Support
170. Weiss-R: Support
177. Dunbar-D: Oppose
182. Josephs-D: Oppose
203. Bilal-D: Support. Comment: Everyone should have affordable health care, and pay wage taxes.
203. Thomas-D: Oppose

6. What is your position on the death penalty?

18. DiGirolamo-R: Support
26. Hennessey-R: Support.
Comment: In the most serious of offenses or for recidivist murderers

26. Hays-D: Support. Comment: Only in the most heinous cases and only after rigorous DNA testing.
31. Chapman-R: Support
53. Godshall-R: Support. Comment: Only on the most heinous cases.
61. Harper-R: Support
61. White-D: Oppose
141. Sposato-R: Support. Comment: If there is no doubt of a person's guilt I will support the death penalty.
145. Clymer-R: Support
146. Quigley-R: Oppose
146. Painter-D: Oppose
147. Toepel-R: Support
152. Murt-R: Support
155. Muller-R: Support
155. Corbin-R: Support
157. Kampf-R: Support
163. Micozzie-R: Support
163. Cassidy-D: Support
167. Milne-R: Support. Comment: Moratoriums appropriate while reviewed for fairness
167. Corrigan-R: Oppose. Comment: I support life without parole for convicted murderers.
168. Killion-R: Support
170. Weiss-R: Oppose
177. Dunbar-D: Oppose
182. Josephs-D: Oppose
203. Bilal-D: Support. Comment: But, I am not going to rush to execute.
203. Thomas-D: Oppose

7. What is your position on restoring state funding to the Homeowners Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (HEMAP) which provides low-interest loans to homeowners facing possible foreclosure through no fault of their own?

18. DiGirolamo-R: Support
26. Hennessey-R: Support
26. Hays-D: Support. Comment: The state ought to help people stay in their homes.
31. Chapman-R: Support
53. Godshall-R: Support
61. Harper-R: Support
61. White-D: Support
141. Sposato-R: No Response
145. Clymer-R: Support
146. Quigley-R: Support
146. Painter-D: Support
147. Toepel-R: Support
152. Murt-R: Support
155. Muller-R: Oppose
155. Corbin-R: Support. Comment: I would support restoring funding should it be net-neutral in spending for the state budget.
157. Kampf-R: No response.
Comment: I believe that this is a worthy program and we should investigate re-instating funding, but only as a part of an overall review of state spending aimed at reducing waste

- and focusing the budget on priorities to bring fiscal discipline back to state government.
163. Micozzie-R: Support
163. Cassidy-D: Support
167. Milne-R: Support. Comment: Home ownership is essential for stable, family-sustaining communities.
167. Corrigan-R: Oppose
168. Killion-R: Support
170. Weiss-R: Support
177. Dunbar-R: Support
182. Josephs-D: Support
203. Bilal-D: Support
203. Thomas-D: Support

8. What is your position on legislation requiring employers to provide employee benefits to which they morally opposed, for example, mandating coverage for contraceptives or benefits to same-sex partners of employees?

18. DiGirolamo-R: Oppose
26. Hennessey-R: Oppose
26. Hays-D: Support. Comment: Any organization that receives any favored tax status of exemption must offer those benefits. I support President Obama's position.
31. Chapman-R: Oppose
53. Godshall-R: Oppose
61. Harper-R: Oppose
61. White-D: Support
141. Sposato-R: Oppose. Comment: No that is an infringement on freedom of religion.
145. Clymer-R: Oppose
146. Quigley-R: Oppose
146. Painter-D: Support
147. Toepel-R: Oppose
152. Murt-R: Oppose
155. Muller-R: Oppose
155. Corbin-R: Oppose. Comment: Oppose mandates so long as employer opposition is not discriminatory.
157. Kampf-R: Oppose
163. Micozzie-R: Oppose
163. Cassidy-D: Oppose
167. Milne-R: Oppose. Comment: Individual conscience must be respected in our democracy
167. Corrigan-R: Oppose
168. Killion-R: Oppose
170. Weiss-R: Oppose
177. Dunbar-D: Oppose
182. Josephs-D: Support
203. Bilal-D: Oppose. Comment: If children can carry their parents on coverage, then benefits can include relationships of choice.
203. Thomas-D: Oppose

9. Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

- a. **Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should be subject to government review of educational content.**
- b. **Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow state standards for health and safety of children, but be free to determine their own educational content based on teachings of their faith tradition.**
- c. **Religious childcare and pre-k providers should be free from government regulation.**

18. DiGirolamo-R: b) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow state standards for health and safety of children, but be free to determine their own educational content based on the teachings of their faith tradition.
26. Hennessey-R: b) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow state standards for health and safety of children, but be free to determine their own educational content based on the teachings of their faith tradition.
26. Hays-D: b) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow state standards for health and safety of children, but be free to determine their own educational content based on the teachings of their faith tradition.
31. Chapman-R: c) Religious childcare and pre-k providers should be free from government regulation.
53. Godshall-R: b) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow state standards for health and safety of children, but be free to determine their own educational content based on the teachings of their faith tradition.
61. Harper-R: c) Religious childcare and pre-k providers should be free from government regulation.
61. White-D: c) Religious childcare and pre-k providers should be free from government regulation.
141. Sposato-R: b) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow state standards for health and safety of children, but be free to determine their own educational content based on the teachings of their faith tradition.
145. Clymer-R: b) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow state standards for health and safety of children, but be free to determine their own educational content based on the teachings of their faith tradition.

146. Quigley-R: b) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow state standards for health and safety of children, but be free to determine their own educational content based on the teachings of their faith and tradition.
146. Painter-D: b) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow state standards for health and safety of children, but be free to determine their own educational content based on the teachings of their faith and tradition.
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152. Murt-R: b) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow state standards for health and safety of children, but be free to determine their own educational content based on the teachings of their faith tradition.
155. Muller-R: b) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow state standards for health and safety, but be free to determine their own educational content based on the teachings of their faith tradition.
155. Corbin-R: b) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow state standards for health and safety, but be free to determine their own educational content based on the teachings of their faith tradition.
157. Kampf-R: b) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow state standards for health and safety of children, but be free to determine their own educational content based on the teachings of their faith tradition. Comment: Parents who choose to send their children to religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers are often doing so precisely because of their faith traditions and those traditions should be allowed to be followed. Further, for parents who choose to send their children to these providers for other reasons, they do so with the full knowledge that those faith traditions may be part of the service provided.
163. Micozzie-R: b) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow state standards for health and safety of children, but be free to determine their own educational content based on the teachings of their faith tradition.
163. Cassidy-D: b) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow state standards for health and safety of children, but

be free to determine their own educational content based on the teachings of their faith tradition.
167. Milne-R: c) Religious childcare and pre-k providers should be free from government regulation. Comment: As a parent, I want what's best for my children.
167. Corrigan-R: b) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow state standards for health and safety of children, but be free to determine their own educational content based on the teachings of their faith tradition.
168. Killion-R: c) Religious childcare and pre-k providers should be free from government regulation.
170. Weiss-R: b) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow state standards for health and safety of children, but be free to determine their own educational content based on the teachings of their faith tradition.
177. Dunbar-D: b) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow state standards for health and safety of children, but be free to determine their own educational content based on the teachings of their faith tradition.
182. Josephs-D: b) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow state standards for health and safety of children, but be free to determine their own educational content based on the teachings of their faith tradition.
203. Bilal-D: a) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should be subject to government review of educational content.
203. Thomas-D: b) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow state standards for health and safety of children, but be free to determine their own educational content based on the teachings of their faith tradition.

10. Do you support or oppose legislation that would restrict taxpayer funding of abortion in Pennsylvania's health insurance exchange created by the federal health care reform law?

18. DiGirolamo-R: Support
26. Hennessey-R: Support
26. Hays-D: Oppose
31. Chapman-R: Support
53. Godshall-R: Support
61. Harper-R: Support
61. White-D: Oppose
141. Sposato-R: Support. Comment: We should not be paying for abortion of any kind.
145. Clymer-R: Support

146. Quigley-R: Support
146. Painter-D: No Response.
Comment: My understanding is that Federal law already bars such taxpayer funding.
147. Toepel-R: Support
152. Murt-R: Support. Comment: Question is worded poorly.
155. Muller-R: Support
155. Corbin-R: Support
157. Kampf-R: Support. Comment: I do not believe that tax dollars should be utilized for abortion.
163. Micozzie-R: Support
163. Cassidy-D: Support
167. Milne-R: Support. Comment: Public tax dollars should not fund abortions.
167. Corrigan-R: Support
168. Killion-R: Support
170. Weiss-R: Support
177. Dunbar-D: Oppose
182. Josephs-D: Oppose
203. Bilal-D: Oppose
203. Thomas-D: Support

11. What is your position on legislation that forces health care providers to provide, pay for or refer services contrary to their conscience for moral or religious reasons?

18. DiGirolamo-R: Oppose
26. Hennessey-R: Oppose
26. Hays-D: Support. Comment: They signed an oath to do no harm. They should dispense care or find a new profession.
31. Chapman-R: Oppose
53. Godshall-R: Oppose
61. Harper-R: Oppose. Comment: I believe in having a “conscience clause” allowing an “opt out.”
61. White-D: Support
141. Sposato-R: Oppose
145. Clymer-R: Oppose
146. Quigley-R: Oppose
146. Painter-D: Support
147. Toepel-R: Oppose
152. Murt-R: Oppose
155. Muller-R: Oppose
155. Corbin-R: Oppose
157. Kampf-R: Oppose. Comment: Though I have questions how this may line-up with an oath the health care providers may have taken.
163. Micozzie-R: Oppose
163. Cassidy-D: Oppose
167. Milne-R: Oppose. Comment: Providers’ sense of morality must be respected.
167. Corrigan-R: Oppose
168. Killion-R: Oppose
170. Weiss-R: Oppose
177. Dunbar-D: Oppose
182. Josephs-D: Support
203. Bilal-D: Oppose
203. Thomas-D: Oppose

12. Do you support or oppose increased funding for Educational Improvement Tax Credits (EITC) where the state budget includes an increase in public school funding?

18. DiGirolamo-R: Support
26. Hennessey-R: Support
26. Hays-D: Not Sure
31. Chapman-R: Support
53. Godshall-R: Support. Comment: I have been a big supporter of EITC and have had the pleasure of delivering numerous checks to schools.
61. Harper-R: Support. Comment: Strongly!
61. White-D: Support
141. Sposato-R: No Response. Comment: I'm not sure I understand the question. Do you mean a tax credit for Catholic or Private schools? If so, yes I would support it.
145. Clymer-R: Support
146. Quigley-R: Support
146. Painter-D: Oppose
147. Toepel-R: Support
152. Murt-R: Support
155. Muller-R: No response. Comment: I need to better understand the financial impact to provide an informed response.
155. Corbin-R: Support
157. Kampf-R: Support. Comment: I support this effort and voted for such legislation, though, again, in these difficult economic times it would need to be justified.
163. Micozzie-R: Support
163. Cassidy-D: Support
167. Milne-R: Support. Comment: Strong supporter of this program.
167. Corrigan-R: Support
168. Killion-R: Support
170. Weiss-R: Support
177. Dunbar-D: Support
182. Josephs-D: Oppose
203. Bilal-D: Support. Comment: As long as monies are used in public schools only.
203. Thomas-D: Support