



## 2018 Voter Guide Response

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**1. Should public schools be required to allow students use the bathroom or locker room of their preference, regardless of the student's biological sex?**

Declined to Respond

*Explanation: I think this question requires an understanding of the needs of specific students. There are students who have made a transition from female to male and vice versa. It could be dangerous for those students to use the restroom of the biological sex that they were assigned to at birth. The specific wording of this question makes it difficult to answer.*

**2. Should abortion be prohibited once the unborn child's heartbeat can be detected?**

Declined to Respond

*Explanation: I believe that this is a decision that should be made by a licensed physician and his or her patient.*

**3. Should Congress make permanent the middle class tax relief provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017?**

Yes

*Explanation: I have many concerns about provisions of this Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, however to directly answer this question...In the same manner that tax cuts are permanent for the wealthiest 1%, the Middle class should have permanent cuts. I also believe that some of the tax cuts that previously benefitted struggling families should be restored.*

**4. Should federal funding be withheld from "Sanctuary Cities" that do not comply with federal immigration laws?**

Undecided

*Explanation: I would be inclined to say yes cities should comply with federal immigration laws, however in cases where laws are unjust, states should be able to exercise some independence in such cases.*

**5. Should adults have to get a permit or license in order to concealed-carry a firearm?**

Yes

*Explanation: Yes, In the same way that licenses are required to drive a car in America, people should be required to have a license in order to own a weapon.*



**6. Should Washington stop pressuring states to use the Common Core curriculum standards?**

Yes

*Explanation: I believe that Common Core misses the mark and robs educators of their creativity in reaching students at different levels of academic proficiency.*

**7. Should marijuana be legalized for recreational use?**

Undecided

*Explanation: At the very least, I believe that marijuana should be decriminalized.*

**8. Should government fine or penalize private bakers or florists who do not wish to use their artistic expression to celebrate a same-sex wedding?**

Undecided

*Explanation: I believe that this issue is similar to any other diversity situations, from a political standpoint. Businesses aren't legally able to discriminate on the bases of age, race, gender, religion, etc. I believe that no one should discriminate based on sexual orientation. I reserve my comments with regard enforcement efforts, such as fines and penalties.*

**9. Should organizations that provide abortions, such as Planned Parenthood, be prohibited from receiving federal funds?**

No

*Explanation: I believe it is wrong to deny federal funds to Planned Parenthood, because this organization provides needed healthcare services to the community, and not just abortions. Furthermore, individuals who seek abortions are also tax paying citizens. They have a right to a government resources as well as any other entity.*

**10. Should the federal minimum wage be raised to \$15 per hour?**

Yes

*Explanation: Wage stagnation is a problem. Especially when the cost of everything else continues to rise.*