



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?

No

Explanation: We shouldn't have a national bathroom policy for schools. To the extent transgender bathroom policies are an issue, it is one best decided at the local level, potentially even school district by school district.

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

Yes

Explanation: I am a cosponsor of H.R. 490, the Heartbeat Protection Act of 2017.

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

Yes

Explanation: The House version, which I supported, was originally permanent. The Senate language became law.

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

Yes

Explanation: We should actually go even further. Instead of passive-aggressively defunding these cities, we should be proactively prosecute those who obstruct federal enforcement actions. This is different than commandeering, where federal officials require state or local governments to spend their resources to enforce federal law.

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

No

Explanation: The Second Amendment is clear; however, I am a concealed carry permit holder in Ohio in order to comply with the law.

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

Yes

Explanation: There is no Constitutional basis for federal education policy, and the decisions are better made at the local level.



7. Should marijuana be legalized for recreational use?

Undecided

Explanation: It may make sense to reschedule marijuana, but it should remain tightly regulated like other dangerous drugs. I support further research into THC for its potential medical value. If it is medicinal, pharmacies should be able to dispense it instead of separate monopolies.

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?

No

Explanation: That would violate first amendment protections.

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

Yes

Explanation: I have repeatedly voted to defund Planned Parenthood, and I applaud the Trump Administration's efforts to do so administratively.

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

No

Explanation: Federal wage policies could never be meaningful across America. How could a wage be common for Manhattan, Ohio, Alabama, and Honolulu? Moreover, central planning is never as an effective as functional markets.