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- 1 1. Do you support legislation that protects preborn human life from abortion, including prohibiting taxpayer funding, and rejecting abortion as a right in the Delaware State Constitution? (References: SB 317 (2024); HB 110 (2024); SB 301 (2024); SB 232 (2024); HB 31 (2023); HB 400 (2022); SB 251 (2026); SB 252 (2026))**

RESPONSE**No**

I believe decisions about pregnancy, including abortion, are deeply personal medical decisions that must remain between a patient and their health-care provider, not politicians. I support Delaware's existing framework that protects reproductive freedom while allowing the state to regulate abortion after viability and in line with medical standards of care.

I do not support efforts to redefine abortion as something other than health care, nor do I support attempts to strip abortion rights from the Delaware Constitution or to ban abortion based on arbitrary timelines that are not grounded in medical evidence. At the same time, I strongly support policies that reduce unintended pregnancy and promote healthy families: comprehensive sex education, affordable contraception, good prenatal and postpartum care, and economic supports for parents and children.

On taxpayer funding, I support coverage for medically necessary reproductive health care, including abortion, in Medicaid and public employee plans so that low-income Delawareans are not denied care simply because of their income. Denying coverage does not stop abortions; it only makes them less safe and more inequitable.

- 2 2. Do you support legislation that holds the abortion industry accountable and liable for medical malpractice, negligence in providing informed consent, and removing the safeguards meant to protect women? (References: SB 252 (2026); HB 31 (2021); HB 400 (2022), HB 320 (2022); SB 301 (2024))**

RESPONSE**No**

I support holding all health-care providers accountable under Delaware's existing medical malpractice and informed-consent laws, and I do not believe abortion providers should be singled out for special, politically motivated liability standards. Targeted liability and reporting schemes are often designed to make abortion inaccessible, not safer, and they can drive clinicians out of practice or out of state, harming patients who need reproductive health care.

I support strong, evidence-based informed-consent protections across the board, including clear, medically accurate information, language access, and respect for patient autonomy. I oppose legislation that uses "informed consent" as a pretext to require misleading, non-medical counseling or unnecessary hurdles designed to delay or block care.

Rather than punishing doctors who provide legal, medically appropriate care, we should invest in improving access to high-quality reproductive health services, supporting rural and low-income patients, and ensuring robust oversight through our existing professional licensing and malpractice systems.

3 3. Do you oppose legalized assisted suicide and attempts to expand it? (References: HB 140 (2024))

RESPONSE No

I support Delaware's recently enacted medical aid-in-dying law, which provides carefully regulated, voluntary options for terminally ill adults to end unbearable suffering with dignity. This law includes multiple safeguards: confirmation of diagnosis and prognosis, evaluation of decision-making capacity, requirements for informed, voluntary consent, and oversight by medical professionals.

I do not support expanding medical aid in dying beyond these strict, terminal-illness parameters, and I oppose any system that would pressure vulnerable people or substitute this option for robust palliative and hospice care. My focus is on compassion, autonomy, and strong safeguards, honoring both the sanctity of life and the right of patients to make informed decisions at the end of life.

4 4. Do you support amending the Delaware Constitution to explicitly protect the fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing, education, and care of their children? (References: HB 319 (2022))

RESPONSE No

I strongly value the role of parents and families in directing the upbringing, education, and care of their children, and I support robust parental engagement in our schools and health-care systems. At the same time, I am cautious about broad constitutional amendments that could unintentionally weaken child-protection laws, undermine mandatory reporting for abuse or neglect, or block vulnerable children from accessing necessary health care and counseling.

Our current framework already recognizes important parental rights while balancing the state's obligation to protect children's health and safety. I am committed to practical legislation that increases transparency, improves communication between schools and families, and ensures parents are partners in their children's education - without creating constitutional language that could be used to roll back protections for at-risk youth.

5 5. Do you support holding medical providers legally accountable and liable for performing experimental, permanent, or irreversible medical interventions on minors that interrupt and pause puberty, introduce cross sex hormones, and amputate body parts? (References: HB 346 (2024); SB 55 (2025))

RESPONSE No

I believe medical decisions for minors, including any treatment related to gender dysphoria, should be guided by evidence-based standards of care, involve parents or guardians whenever possible, and be overseen by qualified medical and mental-health professionals. I do not support criminalizing clinicians, but I am open to age-appropriate guardrails developed with pediatric specialists and major medical organizations.

Senate Bill 55, for example, seeks to prohibit gender transition surgery for children in a way that could interfere with best-practice care and stigmatize transgender youth and their families. Rather than targeting specific types of care in statute, we should ensure that any intervention, whether related to oncology, orthopedics, reproductive health, or gender dysphoria, is safe, medically justified, and centered on the child's well-being.

6 6. Do you support legislation that protects the fundamental rights of children to know and be known by their biological mother and father, prohibits changing a child's sex on their birth certificate, and protects family biological connection between parents and children? (References: SB 250 (2026); HB 375 (2026))

RESPONSE No

Every child deserves love, stability, and support, whether they are raised by their biological parents, adoptive parents, or other caregivers. I support policies that protect children's rights and the security of families while respecting the reality of modern life, including adoption, assisted reproduction, and LGBTQ+ families.

I oppose efforts to use birth certificates or other identity documents to invalidate or stigmatize transgender people or LGBTQ+ families. Recent proposals like HB 375 modernize Delaware's vital records system, including gender designations, to reflect a person's lived identity while preserving essential information for legal and medical purposes.

I do not support legislation that would prohibit transgender people from updating their documents or that would restrict children's legal recognition of their parents based on biology alone. Our laws should protect children's stability and safety, not enforce a single family model.

7 7. Do you oppose policies that embed sexually explicit material and comprehensive sexuality frameworks into school libraries and public school curricula, particularly when they conflict with obscenity laws, parental rights, or religious beliefs? (References: HB 199 (2021); SB 97 (2024); HB 119 (2025); SCR 156 (2026))

RESPONSE No

I support age-appropriate materials in school libraries and curricula, and I believe parents should have transparent information about what their children are reading and learning. However, I oppose vague or politically driven bans on books and comprehensive health education that disproportionately target LGBTQ+ students, students of color, or honest teaching about sexuality and relationships.

Policies that use "obscenity" language broadly or frame inclusive materials as "sexually explicit" can lead to censorship, undermine teachers, and deprive students of accurate information they need to stay safe and healthy. Instead, I support clear review processes, professional standards, and meaningful parental engagement that respect both community values and students' rights to learn.

I am open to improving review procedures where specific concerns arise, but I oppose wholesale bans that remove diverse voices from our schools.

8 8. Do you support legislation that preserves sex-based protections in athletics to ensure fairness, safety, and equal opportunity for female athletes? (References: SB 191 (2024); SB 215 (2026))

RESPONSE Undecided

I support strong protections for women's sports to ensure fairness, safety, and equal opportunity, including full enforcement of Title IX and investment in girls' athletics. At the same time, I oppose state laws that categorically exclude transgender students from participation or that force schools into rigid policies that do not reflect evolving scientific, medical, and athletic guidance.

Bills like SB 191 have been framed as "fairness" measures, but they can function as blanket bans on transgender youth in school sports and contribute to discrimination and stigma. I favor solutions developed by athletic associations, medical experts, and civil-rights advocates that balance competitive fairness with inclusion, rather than one-size-fits-all statutes that target a small group of already marginalized students.

9 9. Do you support protecting individuals, churches, schools, and faith-based ministries from government penalties when operating according to sincerely held religious beliefs regarding sexuality, marriage, and human life? (References: HB 199 (2021); HB 74 (2023); HB 275 (2024); SB 169 (2021); SB 100 (2025); HB 37 (2025))

RESPONSE No

I strongly support religious freedom and the right of individuals, churches, and faith-based ministries to teach, worship, and organize according to their beliefs. At the same time, I do not support using religious exemptions to deny people basic services, health care, employment, housing, or equal treatment under the law based on their sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or family status.

Delaware already protects religious expression, and many bills framed as "conscience protections" would carve out broad exemptions from civil-rights laws, leaving LGBTQ+ people, women, and others vulnerable to discrimination. I will work to ensure that we safeguard both religious liberty and equal protection, so no one's faith is used to justify mistreatment of others in the public sphere.

10 10. Do you support ensuring Delaware law clearly protects free speech, religious expression, and public advocacy - while limiting criminal penalties only to physical violence, threats, or force? (References: HB 272 (2025); SB 300 (2024))

RESPONSE Yes

I strongly support free speech, religious expression, and public advocacy protected by the First Amendment and Delaware's Constitution. Delaware recently strengthened protections against abusive lawsuits meant to silence public participation by enacting a broad anti-SLAPP law covering speech, press, petition, and association rights on matters of public concern.

I support ensuring that our criminal laws focus on actual violence, threats, and coercion, not peaceful expression or advocacy - even when that speech is unpopular or critical of government. At the same time, I believe we must maintain strong protections against harassment, stalking, targeted threats, and hate-motivated violence, and nothing in our free-speech laws should be interpreted to condone or encourage such conduct.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE CANDIDATE

My district is a true purple community that stretches from the Appoquinimink River to the Leipsic River, bringing together small towns like Townsend, Smyrna, Clayton, Cheswold, and Leipsic where neighbors don't all vote the same but do share common values of fairness, family, and freedom. As Senator, I've earned trust by listening first, showing up in every part of the district, and grounding every conversation in real stories of local women, LGBTQ neighbors, and minority families who just want to live with dignity and safety.

Even some of the most hardened MAGA voters have told me they may not agree with me on every issue, but they understand why protecting women's health care, LGBTQ rights, and equal treatment under the law is about limiting government overreach and making sure the Constitution applies to everyone, not just people who look or believe like them. By focusing on shared principles, personal freedom, keeping government out of private medical decisions, respecting religious belief without weaponizing it against others, I've helped people across the political spectrum see that defending civil rights is not a partisan project, but a promise we make to every family in Senate District 14.

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