



2026 CANDIDATE SURVEY

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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 Yes

My wife and I were founding board members of the Sussex pregnancy care center.

- 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

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

RESPONSE No

- 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 Yes

- 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 Yes

- 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 Yes

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 Yes

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 Yes

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 Yes

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

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