



2026 CANDIDATE SURVEY

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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 Undecided

The government should not dictate control of anyone's body. Therefore, there should be no taxpayer funding. As a young kid growing up in suburban Chicago, abortion was illegal. Almost weekly, I would read in the newspaper of a young woman who had died from a back-alley abortion. Think of the pain her parents and siblings endured. In a perfect world we would not need to address this situation, but we are still striving "to become a more perfect union".
Give it time.

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 Undecided

There are numerous concerns. I am also concerned about the long term effects of the relatively new abortion pill and its ease.

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

RESPONSE Undecided

Assisted suicide is a slippery slope. We don't want anyone to suffer. Today, many medications can alleviate physical pain enough to comfort. If medication is not an option, how does the individual proceed?

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

It is disappointing that this question would even need to be asked.

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

This is a huge concern and should not even be considered until an individual is an adult and of a sound mind.

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 Undecided

In most cases, yes. If for some reason the parent(s) don't want contact or shouldn't have contact, it should not be given. There should be no change on the birth certificate of sexual identity.

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

Basic material concerning age related sexual changes should be in school libraries beginning in middle school.

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

If transgender athletes wish to compete, they may start their own league. They won't have as much competition, and will "Win" more frequently.

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. 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

Absolutely!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE CANDIDATE

I will be a Senator for all the constituents in SD-1, Democrats, Independents and Republicans. Your important phone messages and emails will be answered. A monthly meeting for residents will be held to hear your concerns. Then, off to Dover to consult on ways to resolve the issue(s), returning with a plan of action. This campaign is being run on a shoe-string. I promise not to run for more than two terms nor take money from people or organizations desiring to influence my vote. A vote for Hildi Bachtle is a vote "4 a Better DE".