



2018 Charles County Candidate Survey

General Election

Charles County Right to Life (CCRTL) believes that innocent human life should be protected by law from until natural death.

*Charles County Right to Life surveys all candidates running for elected office regarding their opinions on life issues, **regardless of whether or not they are currently running for a position which might influence decisions on these issues**, since many times successful candidates are **later elected to higher office** where they have influence on life issues. Consequently, CCRTL surveys all candidates running for elected offices.*

Candidate's Name _____

Office Sought _____ District (if applicable) _____

Political Party _____

Name of Campaign Committee _____

Campaign Website Address _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Fax _____ Email _____

Signature of Candidate _____

PLEASE NOTE: In every question below, a "YES" response indicates agreement with the position of CCRTL

(1) PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT

There is now compelling scientific evidence that at least by 20 weeks post fertilization, the unborn child is capable of experiencing pain when subjected to abortion. On this basis, in 2010, Nebraska enacted the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act to prohibit abortions after that point (with narrow exceptions), and the number of states which have passed bills now totals 16. On October 3, 2017, similar national legislation (H.R. 36) was approved by the U.S. House of Representatives. A companion bill also was introduced in the U.S. Senate (S. 1922).

Would you vote for the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, to protect from abortion unborn children at the point in their development that evidence currently suggests an unborn child has the capacity to feel pain?

YES _____ NO _____

(2) DISMEMBERMENT ABORTION BAN ACT

The Dismemberment Abortion Ban Act (H.R. 1192) has been passed by 9 states and signed into law. It has also been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Congressman Chris Smith (R-N.J.). This bill is based on a model state bill proposed by National Right to Life, which was enacted in 2015 in Kansas and Oklahoma. The bill defines "dismemberment abortion" as "knowingly dismembering a living unborn child and extracting such unborn child one piece at a time from the uterus through the use of clamps, grasping forceps, tongs, scissors or similar instruments that, through the convergence of two rigid levers, slice, crush or grasp a portion of the unborn child's body in order to cut or rip it off. . ." This definition largely overlaps with what those in the abortion trade currently refer to as "dilation and evacuation" or "dilation and extraction" (D&E) abortions. This brutal method is commonly used starting at about 14 weeks of pregnancy, and extending into the third trimester.

Would you vote for the Dismemberment Abortion Ban Act, to place a state ban on the use of dismemberment abortion in Maryland?

YES _____ NO _____

(3) ABORTIONS SOUGHT BY MINORS - PARENT OR GUARDIAN CONSENT ACT

Laws are in effect in 31 states requiring notification or consent of at least one parent (or authorization by a judge) before an abortion can be performed on a minor. The Abortions Sought by Minors - Parent or Guardian Consent Act would require parental or guardian consent for minors under 18 seeking an abortion. The Current Maryland law is deeply flawed and requires parental or guardian notification prior to a minor's abortion, however the abortionist can waive the notification requirements if they feel that it is in the best interest of the minor not to involve her parents.

Would you vote for the Abortions Sought by Minors - Parent or Guardian Consent Act, to protect minor girls in Maryland?

YES _____ NO _____

(4) PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE ACT

During the 2015, 2016, and 2017 legislative sessions Physician Assisted Suicide Bills were proposed in the Maryland legislature. None of these measures were ever reported out of committee. These proposed measures would legalize physician assisted suicide in Maryland.

Would you vote AGAINST the legalization of Physician Assisted Suicide Legislation in both committee and on the floor?

YES _____ NO _____

(5) MARYLAND ABORTION REPORTING LAW

Maryland is one of only a very small number of states that does not have an abortion reporting law. As a result Maryland does not know the number or type of abortions being performed in our state.

Would you vote for a law requiring reporting of abortions performed in the state of Maryland?

YES _____ NO _____



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