

2008 PRIMARY ELECTION

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

All eyes on Pennsylvania's primary

As part of a statewide effort to educate voters about presidential candidates and their positions on issues important to Catholics, the Harrisburg-based Pennsylvania Catholic Conference sent a questionnaire to

Democratic candidates **Sens. Hillary Clinton** and **Barack Obama** and Republican candidate **Sen. John McCain**. All three candidates were contacted multiple times. PCC had verbal promises from the

Clinton and Obama campaigns to participate, but ultimately they declined. The McCain campaign declined because it does not have an active campaign committee for the Pennsylvania primary. However, McCain's campaign promised to reconsider answering the questionnaire before the November

election. The following candidates seeking election in the primary were not interviewed by the PCC: Democrat **John Morganelli** and Republican **Tom Corbett** for state attorney general; Democrat **Jack Wagner** and Republican **Chet Beiler** for state auditor

general; and Democrats **John Cordisco**, **Robert McCord**, **Dennis Morrison-Wesley** and **Jennifer Mann** and Republican **Tom Ellis** for state treasurer.

The following responses from candidates are supplied by the Pittsburgh Catholic.

NOTES: PA State House

- GIBBONS:** As a Catholic, I believe marriage is the union between one man and one woman as is currently defined in Pennsylvania law.
- GIBBONS:** I support maintenance of a thorough and efficient public education system.
- MORABITO:** With modern medicine, this would be a rare choice.
- MORABITO:** I support a commission to study death penalty implementation. I see no need for a moratorium.
- METCALFE:** I believe that, through the Holy Bible, God has instructed government to use capital punishment.
- BLANCUCCI:** I have supported the EITC which allows businesses to donate money.
- BLANCUCCI:** Because of the backlog I am opposed.
- BLANCUCCI:** Catholic hospitals should not have to compromise their beliefs and principles.
- MATZIE:** I believe the current law defining marriage between a man and a woman is sufficient, however, if the vote came up, I would support the measure. The problem I foresee is how the definition of civil union is interpreted as it could be an issue with seniors living together, right of survivorship issues as well as living wills among other benefits currently allowable. As such, it would not be my intention to terminate any contractual benefits currently being received by individuals and partnerships.
- COSTA:** Instead of direct grants or vouchers, I would support the use of local tax credits for students to attend the school of their choice.
- BODACK:** I supported inclusion of all city children in the Pittsburgh Promise, both public and parochial, when I was on Pittsburgh City Council.
- KOGER:** Not decided. I don't have a position at this time. I would keep an open ear to all parties of interest and review the court decision. The life of the mother, rape and incest are reasonable exceptions.
- KOGER:** Not decided. I support having marriage defined, but I have a concern about establishing legal protections for functionally equivalent relationships.
- KOGER:** I support school vouchers 100 percent. As a science teacher for Duquesne schools and having my own children enrolled in the Wilkesburg School District, I well understand the need for school choice legislation.
- MARKOSEK:** Need more information.
- DEASY:** I am supportive with the exceptions of mother's life, rape and incest.
- DEASY:** I support tax credits for parents who choose private and parochial schools.
- DELUCA:** Would support if all educational systems are equal. I have been a strong supporter and advocate for Earned Income Tax Credit to help in funding both parochial and private schools. We need to increase the Earned Income Tax Credit funding so schools can receive more revenue.
- READSHAW:** My Christian belief dictates my response.
- READSHAW:** I have mellowed concerning this matter and more understanding of concept. Maybe supportive if public education declines.
- READSHAW:** Only if life in prison is the ultimate warranted sentence with absolutely no parole.
- READSHAW:** Catholic health care providers should not be mandated to change religious beliefs, conscience or moral teachings.
- JABBOUR:** God created a man and a woman. This is the proper marriage between two different sexes — a man and a woman
- JABBOUR:** A family must have a choice in the education for their child.
- KORTZ:** The exceptions in "C" are the only I would allow. I will not allow abortion as a contraceptive method.
- KORTZ:** I do not believe

Candidates seeking office for		If <i>Roe vs. Wade</i> is overturned, what is your position on providing legal protection for unborn children from the moment of conception? If support, what exceptions, if any, would you require?	What is your position on amending the Pennsylvania Constitution to define marriage as the union between one man and one woman and to prevent legal recognition of civil unions or any other functionally equivalent relationships?	What is your position on school choice legislation in the form of direct grants, or vouchers, to students to attend the school of their choice?	What is your position on imposing a moratorium on the death penalty in Pennsylvania and simultaneously establishing a commission to study how the death penalty is implemented in our Commonwealth?	What is your position on legislation or administrative regulation that forces Catholic health care providers to provide, pay for or refer for services contrary to their conscience and moral teachings?
STEVENSON, DICK (R)	Dist. 8	SUPPORT -C	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	NO RESPONSE	OPPOSE
SAINATO, CHRIS (D)	Dist. 9	SUPPORT -C	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	OPPOSE	OPPOSE
GIBBONS, JARET (D)	Dist. 10	SUPPORT -B	SEE NOTE 1	OPPOSE (see note 2)	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
MORABITO, BOB (R)		SUPPORT -B (see note 3)	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	SEE NOTE 4	OPPOSE
WILSON, DAVE (D)	Dist. 11	NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATE				
ELLIS, BRIAN L. (R)		SUPPORT -B	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	OPPOSE
OLESNIEVICH, JOHN (D)	Dist. 12	NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATE				
METCALFE, DARYL (R)		SUPPORT -A	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	OPPOSE (see note 5)	OPPOSE
REDDING, ROBIN (R)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATE				
ROUSSEAU, DENNIS (D)	Dist. 14	NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATE				
MARSHALL, JIM (R)		SUPPORT -A	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
LEONE, DOMENIC F. (D)	Dist. 15	NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATE				
BIANCUCCI, VINCENT A.(D)		SUPPORT	SUPPORT	SEE NOTE 6	OPPOSE (see note 7)	OPPOSE (see note 8)
CHRISTIANA, JIM (R)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATE				
DESPINES, DONALD J. JR. (D)	Dist. 16	NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATE				
MATZIE, ROBERT F. (D)		SUPPORT -C	SUPPORT (see note 9)	OPPOSE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
WADDING, BOB (D)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATE				
WHEATLEY, JAKE (D)	Dist. 19	NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATE				
WALKO, DON (D)	Dist. 20	NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATE				
COSTA, DOM (D)	Dist. 21	SUPPORT -A	SUPPORT	OPPOSE (see note 10)	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
BODACK, LEN (D)		SUPPORT -A	SUPPORT	SEE NOTE 11	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
PISTELLA, FRANK J. (D)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
FRAZIER, BRENDA (D)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
WAGNER, CHELSA (D)	Dist. 22	SUPPORT -C	OPPOSE	SEE NOTE 40	SUPPORT	NO RESPONSE
FRANKEL, DAN B. (D)	Dist. 23	NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATE				
PRESTON, JOSEPH JR (D)	Dist. 24	NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
PRATER-HOLLIDAY, LUCILLE (D)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
KOGER, TOOD ELLIOTT (D)		SEE NOTE 12	SEE NOTE 13	SUPPORT (see note 14)	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
ANDERSON, WILLIAM (D)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATE				
MARKOSEK, JOSEPH F. (D)	Dist. 25	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	SEE NOTE 15	OPPOSE
JONES, JOHN PAUL (D)	Dist. 27	NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
DOUGLAS, RYAN L. (D)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
DEASY, DANIEL J. JR (D)		SUPPORT -C (see note 16)	SUPPORT	SEE NOTE 17	SUPPORT	SUPPORT
MCLANE, JOHN L. (R)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATE				
TURZAI, MIKE (R)	Dist. 28	SUPPORT -B	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	OPPOSE
VULAKOVICH, RANDY (R)	Dist. 30	NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATE				
DELUCA, ANTHONY M. (D)	Dist. 32	SUPPORT -B	SUPPORT	SEE NOTE 18	OPPOSE	OPPOSE
O'CONNOR, JOSEPH F. (R)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATE				
DERMODY, FRANK (D)	Dist. 33	NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
DAVIDEK, JASON (R)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
COSTA, PAUL (D)	Dist. 34	NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATE				
GERGELY, MARC J. (D)	Dist. 35	NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATE				
READSHAW, HARRY (D)	Dist. 36	SUPPORT -C	SUPPORT (see note 19)	OPPOSE (see note 20)	SUPPORT (see note 21)	OPPOSE (see note 22)
JABBOUR, C. L. (D)	Dist. 38	SUPPORT -C	SUPPORT (see note 23)	SUPPORT (see note 24)	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
KORTZ, BILL (D)		SUPPORT -C (see note 25)	SUPPORT (see note 26)	SEE NOTE 27	OPPOSE	OPPOSE (see note 28)
DAVIS, DANIEL J. (R)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATE				
LEVDANSKY, DAVID (D)	Dist. 39	NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
WRIGHT, VINNIE (R)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATE				
MAHER, JOHN A. (R)	Dist. 40	NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATE				
SMITH, MATT (D)	Dist. 42	NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
BLAZECK, JIM (R)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
LEE, AYANNA M. (D)	Dist. 44	NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATE				
MUSTIO, MARK (R)		SUPPORT -C (see note 29)	SUPPORT (see note 30)	SUPPORT (see note 31)	OPPOSE	OPPOSE
KOTIK, NICK (D)	Dist. 45	SUPPORT -C	SUPPORT (see note 32)	OPPOSE (see note 33)	OPPOSE (see note 34)	OPPOSE (see note 35)
WHITE, JESSE (D)	Dist. 46	NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
YUKAN, FRANK P. (R)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
SOLOBAY, TIMOTHY JOSEPH (D)	Dist. 48	SUPPORT -C	OPPOSE (see note 36)	SEE NOTE 37	OPPOSE (see note 38)	OPPOSE
DALEY, PETER J. II (D)	Dist. 49	NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
BARLI, RANDY J. (D)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
REIS, BARBARA (D)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
DEWEESE, BILL (D)	Dist. 50	NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
HOPKINS, GREG (R)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
ROBERTS, LARRY (D)	Dist. 51	SUPPORT -B	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	SEE NOTE 39
MAHONEY, TIM (D)		SUPPORT -C	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	OPPOSE

in civil unions or functionally equivalent relationships. Marriage is a sacred institution and must be protected.

27. KORTZ: Partial support. My concern is that we could bring chaos to our public school system if total self-choice was granted. This could undermine the education of our public school students and that is unacceptable.

28. KORTZ: I have opposed this legislation and will continue to oppose.

29. MUSTIO: Support tougher penalties for crimes against pregnant women and fetus.

30. MUSTIO: I have voted for this bill.

31. MUSTIO: I support EITC expansion.

32. KOTIK: There is a distinction between marriage and civil unions. I do not oppose civil unions.

33. KOTIK: I support the Earned Income Tax Credit which has been very successful. We cannot decimate the public school system.

34. KOTIK: We need a strong deterrent for violent criminals who are a threat to law-abiding citizens.

35. KOTIK: This legislation is totally unnecessary.

36. SOLOBAY: We already have laws to protect from this. Amending the Constitution is a sensitive issue.

37. SOLOBAY: I am for school choice but tax dollars are for public education that is available to everyone. Private school is not, even with vouchers.

38. SOLOBAY: I am in favor of the death penalty, particularly in cases of where there was a witness(es) to a murder.

39. ROBERTS: Do not understand.

40. WAGNER: I am open-minded about this issue, especially as a product of Catholic schools. The commonwealth also has a responsibility to adequately fund public education.

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NOTES: PA State Senate

1. COSTA: Amending the Constitution is a significant step that should not be taken without significant deliberation. Pennsylvania has a Defense of Marriage Act, which I supported, that has not been challenged and makes same-sex marriage illegal. I support greater deliberation on this issue.

2. COSTA: I have supported and will continue to support the Earned Income Tax Credit, which has been successful in bringing students and funding to Catholic schools across Pennsylvania.

3. COSTA: It is important that we evaluate the way in which the death penalty is implemented in Pennsylvania. A moratorium is appropriate in light of the findings in other states.

4. COSTA: While I would not require healthcare providers to perform such services, patients should be entitled to information so that they can make an informed healthcare decision.

5. RAMALEY: I support aid to students in parochial schools, but believe that it is up to us, as Catholics, to provide adequate funding.

6. HARRIS: Given the opportunity, I will vote to end abortion on demand.

7. HARRIS: I will support this, but it is not at the top of my priority list. Cutting taxes/spending and creating opportunity for economic growth, and restoration of our property rights are my top 3 priorities.

8. HARRIS: I do not believe tax dollars should be spent on private schools.

9. HARRIS: I support the death penalty as a deterrent to violent crime.

10. HARRIS: Moral objections overrule legislation, i.e.: a pharmacist should not be required to provide "the morning after" abortion pill.

11. VOGEL: I believe marriage is between a man and a woman.

12. VOGEL: We support parents' rights to make decisions regarding school choice. I believe competition is good and should be encouraged while maintaining public education.

13. VOGEL: Healthcare providers should not be forced to provide services against their moral values.

Candidates seeking office for	PA STATE SENATE	If <i>Roe vs. Wade</i> is overturned, what is your position on providing legal protection for unborn children from the moment of conception? If support, what exceptions, if any, would you require? a) would not require exceptions b) life of the mother c) life of the mother, rape, and incest	What is your position on amending the Pennsylvania Constitution to define marriage as the union between one man and one woman and to prevent legal recognition of civil unions or any other functionally equivalent relationships?	What is your position on school choice legislation in the form of direct grants, or vouchers, to students to attend the school of their choice?	What is your position on imposing a moratorium on the death penalty in Pennsylvania and simultaneously establishing a commission to study how the death penalty is implemented in our Commonwealth?	What is your position on legislation or administrative regulation that forces Catholic health care providers to provide, pay for or refer for services contrary to their conscience and moral teachings?
SCHMOTZER, AMY JUDE (D) Dist. 37		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
PIPPY, JOHN (R)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
COSTA, JAY JR. (D) Dist. 43	SUPPORT -C	SEE NOTE 1	OPPOSE (see note 2)	SUPPORT (see note 3)	OPPOSE (see note 4)	
LOGAN, SEAN (D) Dist. 45		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATE				
RAMALEY, SEAN MICHAEL (D) Dist. 47	SUPPORT -C	SUPPORT	OPPOSE (see note 5)	OPPOSE	OPPOSE	
PETRELLA, JASON M. (D)	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	OPPOSE	OPPOSE	
SPANIK, JOE (D)		CANDIDATE WITHDREW FROM RACE				
HARRIS, JEFF (R)	SUPPORT -C (see note 6)	SUPPORT (see note 7)	OPPOSE (see note 8)	OPPOSE (see note 9)	OPPOSE (see note 10)	
VOGEL, ELDER JR. (R)	SUPPORT -C	OPPOSE (see note 11)	SEE NOTE 12	SUPPORT	OPPOSE (see note 13)	

NOTES: U.S. House

1. ENGLISH: This is a state, not a federal issue.

2. ENGLISH: I support a federal system that provides universal access to affordable care through incremental reforms.

4. ENGLISH: Having made such decisions in the past, I will approach such authorization based on America's security and long term national interest.

5. ENGLISH: Every international aid program should meet vigorous performance standards. This begs the real question.

6. HART: This statement is so non-specific, that it begs the question: should the government provide health care instead of the church? The government has programs to provide care to many who cannot afford coverage and works with some charitable enterprises for others.

7. HART: I support restrained use of force to prevent attacks on the U.S. or her allies. This includes destroying targets like weapons facilities etc.

8. HART: I support targeted aid to solve immediate crises, not across-the-board increases.

9. RUSSELL: The determination of sufficient evidence to deploy the military is a presidential decision by constitutional standards. Support Constitution.

10. RUSSELL: These programs have the opposite effect of their intent, and therefore have been shown to increase poverty.

11. DOYLE: I have voted for the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act that embodies this provision as well as supporting other legislative language that would have the same effect. I think this type of conscience clause is important.

12. DOYLE: Having attended Catholic grade school, I understand and appreciate their important contribution to our community. I also understand the sacrifices many families make to send their kids to private or parochial schools. However, we have still not met our commitment to fully fund public education and I cannot support vouchers until we do

Candidates seeking office for	U.S. HOUSE	Do you support or oppose the use of taxpayer funds to pay for abortion?	Do you support or oppose legislation to prevent federal agencies and states that receive federal funds from discriminating against health care providers who do not perform or participate in abortions (Hyde-Weldon Amendment)?	Do you support or oppose legislation to continue and expand current federal laws that provide educational benefits to students and teachers in private and religious schools on an equitable basis to what public school students and teachers receive?	Do you support or oppose legislation to provide federal financial assistance to low income parents to choose the schools that they believe are best suited for their children?	Do you support or oppose this statement: The government should assume financial responsibility for providing affordable, accessible health care for all?
MYERS, TOM (D) Dist. 3		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
DAHLKEMPER, KATHY (D)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
FOUST, KYLE W. (D)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
WALTNER, MIKE (D)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
ENGLISH, PHIL (R)	OPPOSE	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	SEE NOTE 1	SUPPORT (see note 2)	
ALTMIRE, JASON (D) Dist. 4		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATE				
HART, MELISSA A. (R)	OPPOSE	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	OPPOSE (see note 6)	
MURTHA, JOHN P. (D) Dist. 12		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATE				
RUSSELL, WILLIAM (R)	OPPOSE	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	
DOYLE, MIKE (D) Dist. 14	OPPOSE	SUPPORT (see note 11)	SUPPORT	OPPOSE (see note 12)	SUPPORT (see note 13)	
DUDDINGM WAYNE R. (D) Dist. 18		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
O'DONNELL, STEVE (D)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
HAFER, BETH (D)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
WALL, BRIEN (D)	OPPOSE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	OPPOSE	SUPPORT	
MURPHY, TIM (R)	OPPOSE (see note 17)	SUPPORT (see note 18)	SUPPORT (see note 19)	SUPPORT (see note 20)	OPPOSE (see note 21)	

Candidates seeking office for	U.S. HOUSE	Do you support or oppose legislation that would permit undocumented aliens who have been living in the United States for a number of years and who do not have criminal records to earn legal status by paying fines, paying back taxes, and agreeing to learn English?	Will you support or oppose a policy of permitting the preventative use of U.S. military force in cases where there is not clear and compelling evidence of an imminent attack on the United States?	Will you support or oppose significant annual increases in poverty-focused development assistance to reduce global poverty and increase the percentage of gross domestic product (GDP) contributed in foreign aid?	Do you support or oppose the use of taxpayer funds for research that involves destroying live human embryos to obtain cells for experimentation (embryonic stem cell research)?	Do you support or oppose legislation that would guarantee comprehensive freedom of conscience for health care providers and health care institutions?
MYERS, TOM (D) Dist. 3		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
DAHLKEMPER, KATHY (D)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
FOUST, KYLE W. (D)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
WALTNER, MIKE (D)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
ENGLISH, PHIL (R)	OPPOSE	SEE NOTE 4	SEE NOTE 5	OPPOSE	SUPPORT	
ALTMIRE, JASON (D) Dist. 4		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATE				
HART, MELISSA A. (R)	OPPOSE	SUPPORT (see note 7)	OPPOSE (see note 8)	OPPOSE	SUPPORT	
MURTHA, JOHN P. (D) Dist. 12		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATE				
RUSSELL, WILLIAM (R)	SUPPORT	SEE NOTE 9	OPPOSE (see note 10)	OPPOSE	SUPPORT	
DOYLE, MIKE (D) Dist. 14	SUPPORT (see note 14)	OPPOSE (see note 15)	SUPPORT	SUPPORT (see note 16)	SUPPORT	
DUDDINGM WAYNE R. (D) Dist. 18		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
O'DONNELL, STEVE (D)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
HAFER, BETH (D)		NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES				
WALL, BRIEN (D)	OPPOSE	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	SUPPORT	
MURPHY, TIM (R)	OPPOSE (see note 22)	SEE NOTE 23	SUPPORT (see note 24)	OPPOSE (see note 25)	SUPPORT (see note 26)	

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13. DOYLE: I do support this and in fact have co-sponsored a single-payer health care reform bill that embodies this principle, HR 676m that was introduced by Rep. John Conyers.
14. DOYLE: The Democratic substitute that I voted for in the House was modeled after the McCain/Kennedy proposal in the Senate and involves an approach to immigration reform similar to legislation described in this question. I support that approach to immigration reform.
15. DOYLE: As an example I opposed and voted against authorizing President Bush to wage war in Iraq from the beginning because I did not feel there was compelling evidence of an imminent threat to the

United States.
16. DOYLE: I do not support the creation of embryos for the sole purpose of research. However, if an embryo was created with the intent of assisting a couple in having children, but was not used and would only be discarded, then yes, with the permission of the couple, those unused embryos should be utilized for the benefit of embryonic stem cell research.
17. MURPHY: I have voted against spending taxpayer dollars to pay for abortions and will continue to do so.
18. MURPHY: I have voted in favor of the Hyde-Weldon amendment each year I have served in Congress and will continue to do so.
19. MURPHY: Students in private and religious schools

should be provided on an equitable basis the educational benefits to students and teachers in public schools.
20. MURPHY: When a public school is in crisis the students can't and shouldn't wait 3-5 years for those institutional problems to be solved. During this critical learning period they need immediate help which may include an option of private/alternate/religious school enrollment. I support this as part of a comprehensive intervention for the public school including substantial financial assistance, smaller class size, mentoring and administrative assistance.
21. MURPHY: I seek solutions that solve the problem of waste in the healthcare system and improve patient safety.

Transferring the financial burden somewhere else does not fix the system. The debate on healthcare cannot just be over who pays for healthcare but how we fix it. Affordability must begin with fundamental reforms to quality and accessibility.
22. MURPHY: I oppose automatic amnesty for those who entered this country illegally. I support programs that assist legal documented aliens/residents to become naturalized citizens.
23. MURPHY: The Constitution grants the president some exclusive powers (such as battle/military decisions) and the Congress other exclusive powers (such as the power to declare war and fund war). I do not support changing

the intent or the language of the Constitution.
24. MURPHY: I have voted in favor of funding for the Millennium Challenge Program, USAID and debt reduction programs for impoverished nations around the globe.
25. MURPHY: I have voted against federal funding for research that involves the destruction of human embryos and will continue to do so.
26. MURPHY: Doctors, healthcare providers, healthcare institutions and patients must all be allowed fundamental control over the healthcare delivered and received. Freedom of conscience in ethically controversial matters must not be infringed upon by the federal government.