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2016 Louisiana Right to Life U.S. Senate Candidate Questionnaire

For many years, Louisiana has led the way in protecting human life. It is imperative that our federal elected officials represent Louisiana's commitment to life in Congress. Most importantly, due to the U.S. Senate's role in the confirmation of nominees to the Supreme Court, the election of a U.S. Senator is of utmost importance. **This questionnaire is meant to evaluate candidates for United States Senate from Louisiana.**

Please answer this questionnaire and return to us. Questionnaire responses, along with available relevant voting records, will be published on our website, in educational forums, and through other means. Failure to complete the questionnaire will be listed as "Refused to Respond." Comments to clarify your position are welcome but will not be published. Please be sure to fill in the candidate information found on page three of this questionnaire. On questions 2 - 15, a "Yes" response indicates agreement with the Louisiana Right to Life position.

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Position on Abortion

1. Based on the science establishing that the unborn child is a human being, the position of Louisiana Right to Life (LARTL) is that unborn children deserve equal protection under the law.

LARTL takes the position that when the mother's life is endangered, a physician may perform a medical procedure necessary in reasonable medical judgment to prevent the death or substantial risk of death due to a physical condition. However, a physician should make efforts to preserve both the life of the mother and the life of her unborn child in a manner consistent with reasonable medical practice under the circumstances.

Under what circumstances, if any, would you vote for abortion to be legal?

- (a) ___ Only to prevent the death of the mother (consistent with the LARTL position above).
- (b) ___ To prevent the death of the mother, in cases of rape reported to a law enforcement agency, or in cases of incest against a minor reported to a child abuse agency.
- (c) ___ In any circumstance desired by the pregnant woman.
- (d) Other (please explain): _____

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Abortion and the Judiciary

2. Do you support the reversal of Roe v. Wade, Doe v. Bolton, and its progeny, so that elected legislative bodies may once again protect unborn children by prohibiting or limiting abortion?

YES NO

3. Will you advocate for and support nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court only well-qualified persons who will respect the sanctity of innocent human life, who will interpret the Constitution according to its text, and who will be willing to reconsider precedents inconsistent with the text of the Constitution?

YES NO

Abortion-Related Legislation

4. LARTL and our national affiliate, National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), have supported the passage of many pieces of life-saving legislation on the federal level. Would you vote against any legislation that would weaken any pro-life law or policy that is in effect on the day that you are elected?

YES NO

5. Would you vote for pro-life legislation focused on empowering women with more information about their pregnancies and ensuring a high level of health and safety standards, such as "Woman's Right to Know" informed consent laws, ultrasound before abortion laws, and more?

YES NO

6. Would you vote for legislation protecting unborn children from the "dismemberment abortion" method used by abortion facilities, often beginning around the 12th week of pregnancy?

YES NO

Abortion and Government Funding

7. Do you support prohibiting the use of federal funds, facilities, or employees from performing, referring for, or counseling for abortions?

YES NO

8. Do you support prohibiting the federal government, or any agency there in, from making a grant to or entering into a contract with any entity, such as Planned Parenthood, that performs abortion or maintains facilities that perform abortions?

YES NO

9. Would you vote for legislation to enact into permanent law the principles of the "Mexico City Policy," that U.S. funds should not go to overseas organizations that perform or promote abortion?

YES NO

Conscience Protections

10. Would you vote for legislation, such as the Health Care Conscience Rights Act, to protect the conscience rights of pro-life health care providers and others, and advocate for vigorous enforcement of existing laws to protect conscience rights?

YES NO

Human Embryos

11. Would you vote for legislation to prevent federal support of research that harms or destroys human life at any stage of development, including at the embryonic stage, or that uses cells or tissues that are obtained by harming or killing human life at any stage of development?

YES NO

Health Care Legislation

Together with NRLC, LARTL opposed the final passage of the "The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act." The law provides subsidies for private health plans that cover elective abortion and leads to the involuntary denial of life-saving medical treatment through rationing.

12. Would you support the repeal and replacement of the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" or a significant revision to the existing law that would address the concerns listed above?

YES NO

13. Do you oppose legislation designed to limit what private citizens are allowed to spend for health care and health insurance, or designed to limit individuals from adding their own funds on top of a government contribution, resulting in the involuntary denial of life-sustaining medical treatment through rationing?

YES NO

14. Would you only support new health care legislation or revisions to current law if the legislation or amendment contains explicit language, covering all provisions of the legislation, prohibiting federal subsidies for elective abortion and for insurance plans that cover abortion on a permanent basis?

YES NO

Assisted Suicide

15. Across the country, there are increasing efforts to legalize assisted suicide and/or euthanasia. Will you vote against any attempts to legalize assisted suicide?

YES NO

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (Campaign Line) _____ (Home/Cell/Other Office) _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Office You Are Seeking: _____ Date of Election: _____ Party: _____

Date Signed: _____ Signature of Candidate: _____

Louisiana Right to Life, established in 1970, works through education, legislation, activism, and service to restore the right to life in Louisiana by opposing abortion, euthanasia, and other life destroying actions.