

## Illinois Family/Life Questionnaire

Dear General Assembly candidate:

Several pro-life/pro-family organizations in Illinois have developed a comprehensive candidate survey which represents our collective concerns and, more importantly, the concerns of families in Illinois.

We are asking you to answer 54 questions on a range of issues so that your positions can be made known to the thousands of Illinois families represented collectively by our groups. Some of our groups will publish and circulate voter guides stating the candidates' responses to certain of the questions, based on their unique priorities and resources; expect your responses to the entire questionnaire to be posted on several websites.

We hope by taking this collaborative approach – as far as we know, for the first time in our state – we can both inform you of our priorities and facilitate your questionnaire process. Our questionnaire is designed to elicit "Support" or "Oppose" answers; we neither seek nor plan to publish essays or explanations from the candidates. Though a small number of pro-life/pro-family groups may yet contact you with independent questionnaires, by this unified questionnaire process, we hope you will face fewer questionnaires on these issues. (Some of us have been candidates in the past; we know what you are facing in each day's mail.) Please complete our questionnaire and return it to us **by January 10, 2006**. Should you need to reach us, you may call 847/394-9355 or 708/371-7810.

Thank you for participating in this effort to inform the voters of Illinois, and thank you, too, for your willingness to serve in public office.

Cordially,

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### Please print:

**Candidate Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ofc. Sought** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **District** \_\_\_\_\_ **Party** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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### Please circle your answers to the following questions:

#### On marriage and family:

1. Do you support or oppose amending the state constitution to protect marriage by defining marriage as between one man and one woman and to prohibit legal recognition of "domestic partnerships," "civil unions" or any other legal construct similar to marriage?  
Support                      Oppose

2. Do you support or oppose repealing the 2005 statute which added "sexual orientation" (including homosexuality, bisexuality and cross-dressing) to the Illinois Human Rights Act?  
Support                      Oppose

3. Do you support or oppose expenditure of tax dollars for benefits for unmarried cohabiting "partners?"  
Support                      Oppose

4. Do you support or oppose strengthening marriage by making divorce more difficult?  
Support                      Oppose

5. Do you support or oppose adding a preference to Illinois adoption laws for two-parent married families?  
Support                      Oppose

**On parental authority:**

6. Do you support or oppose reflecting in law the principle that parents have the right to direct the education and upbringing of their children?

Support                      Oppose

7. Do you support or oppose repealing the 2003 law which mandates government mental health screening without parental consent, including assessment of attitudes and values, of all children aged birth to 18?

Support                      Oppose

8. Do you support or oppose specifying that parents have the right to exempt their children from mandated immunizations on philosophical grounds? (Current law limits exemptions to medical and religious reasons.)

Support                      Oppose

9. Do you support or oppose requiring doctors to notify a parent or legal guardian before performing any medical or surgical procedure, including abortion, on a minor?

Support                      Oppose

10. Do you support or oppose requiring doctors to secure consent of a parent or legal guardian before performing any medical or surgical procedure, including abortion, on a minor?

Support                      Oppose

11. Do you support or oppose requiring schools, public health departments or any medical personnel to secure consent from a parent or legal guardian before prescribing, dispensing or administering contraceptive drugs or devices to a minor?

Support                      Oppose

12. Do you support or oppose specifying in law that parents have the right to withdraw their children from public school programs that present material contradicting their personal, moral or religious beliefs?

Support                      Oppose

**On education:**

13. Do you support or oppose allowing per-pupil-spending state education funds to follow students to schools their parents choose?

Support                      Oppose

14. Do you support or oppose abolishing the current requirement that charter schools be sponsored by their local school districts?

Support                      Oppose

15. Do you support or oppose providing state scholarships for elementary and secondary students to attend private school by the choice of their parents?

Support                      Oppose

16. Do you support or oppose replacing Illinois' current emphasis on abstinence education with a program that emphasizes explicit sexual and contraception information?

Support                      Oppose

17. Do you support or oppose Illinois implementation of the federal law protecting the academic freedom of public school teachers to discuss alternate theories on the origin of life, including evolution and intelligent design?

Support                      Oppose

**On gambling:**

18. Do you support or oppose prohibiting campaign contributions from gambling interests?

Support                      Oppose

19. Do you support or oppose repealing the legislation authorizing casino gambling?

Support                      Oppose

**On crime & punishment:**

20. Do you support or oppose legalization of marijuana for medical or other purposes?

Support                      Oppose

22. Do you support or oppose abolishing the death penalty?

Support                      Oppose

21. Do you support or oppose ending the moratorium on executing criminals who have already been sentenced to death?

Support                      Oppose

23. Do you support or oppose establishing faith-based rehabilitation programs for Illinois prison inmates such as those for which Texas and Florida have contracted?

Support                      Oppose

**On pornography:**

24. Do you support or oppose requiring public schools and public libraries to install filtering technology on computers to block access to illegal pornography?

Support      Oppose

25. Do you support or oppose defining obscenity according to community standards rather than statewide standards?

Support      Oppose

**On immigration:**

26. Do you support or oppose repealing the 2003 law which grants illegal aliens in-state tuition privileges at state colleges and universities?

Support      Oppose

27. Do you support or oppose repealing the 2005 law which recognizes foreign-government-issued identification on the same basis as state-issued identification?

Support      Oppose

28. Do you support or oppose issuing driver licenses to illegal aliens?

Support      Oppose

29. Do you support or oppose withholding state funds from units of local government which refuse to cooperate with the federal Immigration & Customs Enforcement agency in enforcing U.S. immigration laws?

Support      Oppose

**On taxes, spending & property rights:**

30. Do you support or oppose limiting the power of eminent domain to public works purposes?

Support      Oppose

31. Do you support or oppose raising taxes and fees?

Support      Oppose

32. Do you support or oppose repealing Illinois' death tax?

Support      Oppose

33. Do you support or oppose raising the state income tax to provide property tax relief?

Support      Oppose

34. Do you support or oppose legislation prohibiting use of tax funds or public facilities for abortion?

Support      Oppose

35. Do you support or oppose prohibiting the use of tax funds for embryo experimentation?

Support      Oppose

36. Do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit the use of tax funds for harvesting tissue or eggs from unborn children?

Support      Oppose

37. Would you support or oppose a state budget that includes funding for cloning, embryo experimentation or fetal tissue harvesting?

Support      Oppose

38. Do you support or oppose withholding state funds from public education institutions which refuse to allow military recruiting on campus?

Support      Oppose

39. Would you support or oppose a state budget that includes funding for Chicago to host "The Gay Games?"

Support      Oppose

**On 'E.R.A.':**

40. Do you support or oppose revival and ratification of the "Equal Rights Amendment" which Congress submitted to the states in 1972?

Support      Oppose

**On euthanasia:**

41. Do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit the withholding or withdrawal of food and water, whether by mouth or by tube feeding, without the consent of the patient?

Support      Oppose

**On Executive Branch transparency:**

42. Do you support or oppose adding members of boards and commissions to the list of officials who must file Statements of Economic Interest under the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act?

Support      Oppose

43. Do you support or oppose requiring the governor to disclose to the General Assembly annually the fiscal impact of his executive orders?

Support      Oppose

**On bio-ethics:**

44. Do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit human cloning?

Support                      Oppose

45. Do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit experimentation on human embryos?

Support                      Oppose

**On abortifacient/contraceptives:**

46. Do you support or oppose overturning the governor’s executive order requiring pharmacies to dispense the “morning-after pill” without regard to the right of conscience?

Support                      Oppose

47. Do you support or oppose legislation permitting sale of the “morning-after pill” without prescription?

Support                      Oppose

48. Do you support or oppose repeal of the 2003 law mandating private insurance coverage of contraceptive drugs and devices?

Support                      Oppose

**On abortion:**

49. In the event that the Supreme Court restores authority to the states to prohibit or limit abortion, would you support or oppose legislation to prohibit abortion?

Support                      Oppose

50. Do you support or oppose establishing a task force to study the link between abortion and breast cancer?

Support                      Oppose

51. Do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit abortion for the purpose of selecting the sex of a baby?

Support                      Oppose

52. Do you support or oppose requiring doctors to furnish to a woman seeking abortion written information on her medical risks, the development of the unborn child, and alternatives to abortion at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled abortion?

Support                      Oppose

53. Do you support or oppose legislation to require doctors to furnish to a woman seeking abortion medically accurate information about the capacity of an unborn child to feel pain and about alternatives to lessen or avoid such pain?

Support                      Oppose

54. In the event that the Supreme Court restores to the states the authority to set their own abortion policy, would you support or oppose legislation to allow abortion in situations where

a. the child was conceived as a consequence of a sex crime?

Support                      Oppose

b. the child has been prenatally diagnosed with a handicap?

Support                      Oppose

**Thank you for taking the time and thought to respond. Please sign and date your completed questionnaire \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_**

**and send it by January 10, 2006, to:**

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