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The Political Courage Test 2016 Oregon Edition

Candidates are strongly encouraged to complete the Political Courage Test online at:
<https://secure.votesmart.org/candidate>

Please indicate your positions on the following issues. You will be recognized for your Political Courage, which will be calculated based on the number of issues you are willing to address. If you would like to provide a more detailed response, please do so in the "Other or expanded principles" section (all responses must be under 100 words).

The Political Courage Test must be signed and returned to our office by 11:59 pm MDT the day of the deadline.
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I, _____, am willing to tell citizens where I stand on the issues I may face if elected. I have demonstrated my Political Courage by indicating my position on the following issues.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

District: _____ **State:** _____

Abortion & Reproductive Issues:

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| a) Do you generally support pro-choice or pro-life legislation? | Pro-Choice ___ Pro-Life ___ |
| b) Should abortions be illegal after the first trimester of pregnancy? | Yes ___ No ___ |
| c) Should abortion be legal when the pregnancy resulted from incest or rape? | Yes ___ No ___ |
| d) Should abortion be legal when the life of the woman is endangered? | Yes ___ No ___ |
| e) Do you support requiring parental notification before an abortion is performed on a minor? | Yes ___ No ___ |
| f) Do you support requiring parental consent before an abortion is performed on a minor? | Yes ___ No ___ |
| g) Do you support the prohibition of public funds for abortion procedures? | Yes ___ No ___ |
| h) Do you support the prohibition of public funds for organizations that perform abortions? | Yes ___ No ___ |
| i) Other or expanded principles: | |

Budget, Spending, & Tax Issues:

- 1) Budget Stabilization: Indicate which of the proposals you support (if any) for balancing Oregon's budget.
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| a) Tapping into Oregon's "rainy day" fund | Yes ___ No ___ |
| b) Decreasing funding for public universities | Yes ___ No ___ |
| c) Reducing state employee salaries AND/OR pensions | Yes ___ No ___ |
| d) Instituting mandatory furloughs AND/OR layoffs for state employees | Yes ___ No ___ |
| e) Reducing benefits for Medicaid recipients | Yes ___ No ___ |
| f) Other or expanded principles: | |

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2) State Spending: Using the key, indicate what state funding levels (#1-6) you support for the following general categories. **Select one level per category; you may use a number more than once.**

KEY
1 = <i>Greatly Increase</i>
2 = <i>Slightly Increase</i>
3 = <i>Maintain Status</i>
4 = <i>Slightly Decrease</i>
5 = <i>Greatly Decrease</i>
6 = <i>Eliminate</i>

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> a) Education (higher) | <input type="checkbox"/> e) Law enforcement/corrections |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b) Education (K-12) | <input type="checkbox"/> f) Transportation/infrastructure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> c) Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> g) Welfare |
| <input type="checkbox"/> d) Health care | <input type="checkbox"/> h) Other or expanded categories: |

3) State Taxes: Using the key, (for questions a - j) indicate what state tax levels (#1-6) you support for the following general categories. **Select one level per category; you may use a number more than once.**

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6 = <i>Eliminate</i>

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a) Alcohol taxes | <input type="checkbox"/> g) Income taxes (low-income families) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b) Cigarette taxes | <input type="checkbox"/> h) Income taxes (mid-income families) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> c) Corporate taxes | <input type="checkbox"/> i) Income taxes (high-income families) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> d) Small business taxes | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> e) Gas/Oil taxes | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> f) Property taxes | |

k) Other or expanded principles: _____

Campaign Finance & Government Reform Issues:

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| a) Do you support limits on the following types of contributions for state candidates? | |
| 1) Individual | Yes__ No__ |
| 2) Political Action Committee | Yes__ No__ |
| 3) Corporate | Yes__ No__ |
| 4) Political Party | Yes__ No__ |
| b) Should candidates for state office be encouraged to meet voluntary spending limits? | Yes__ No__ |
| c) Do you support requiring full and timely disclosure of campaign finance information? | Yes__ No__ |
| d) Do you support the use of an independent AND/OR bipartisan commission for redistricting? | Yes__ No__ |
| e) Do you support requiring a government-issued photo identification in order to vote at the polls? | Yes__ No__ |
| f) Should Oregon's judges be elected by popular vote? | Yes__ No__ |
| g) Other or expanded principles: _____ | |

Crime & Public Safety Issues:

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| a) Do you support capital punishment for certain crimes? | Yes__ No__ |
| b) Do you support alternatives to incarceration for certain non-violent offenders, such as mandatory counseling or substance abuse treatment? | Yes__ No__ |
| c) Do you support legalizing the possession of small amounts of marijuana? | Yes__ No__ |
| d) Should a minor accused of a violent crime be prosecuted as an adult? | Yes__ No__ |
| e) Do you support the enforcement of federal immigration laws by state and local police? | Yes__ No__ |
| f) Do you support delaying the seizure of assets by law enforcement officials until after a conviction? | Yes__ No__ |
| g) Other or expanded principles: _____ | |

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Economic Issues:

- a) Do you support government spending as a means of promoting economic growth? Yes__ No__
- b) Do you support lowering taxes as a means of promoting economic growth? Yes__ No__
- c) Do you support reducing government regulations on the private sector? Yes__ No__
- d) Do you support increased state funding for job-training programs that re-train displaced workers? Yes__ No__
- e) Do you support expanding access to unemployment benefits? Yes__ No__
- f) Do you support requiring welfare applicants to pass a drug test in order to receive benefits? Yes__ No__
- g) Do you support providing financial incentives to the private sector for the purpose of job creation? Yes__ No__
- h) Do you support providing direct financial assistance to homeowners facing foreclosure? Yes__ No__
- i) Do you support an increase of the minimum wage? Yes__ No__
- j) Should employers be able to ask about applicants' criminal history before interviewing them? Yes__ No__
- k) Other or expanded principles: _____

Education Issues:

- a) Do you support the national Common Core State Standards initiative? Yes__ No__
- b) Do you support a merit pay system for teachers? Yes__ No__
- c) Is the tenure process for public school teachers producing effective teachers? Yes__ No__
- d) Should parents be allowed to use vouchers to send their children to any school? Yes__ No__
- e) Do you support state funding for charter schools? Yes__ No__
- f) Do you support the state government providing college students with financial aid? Yes__ No__
- g) Should illegal immigrants who graduate from Oregon high schools be eligible for in-state tuition at public universities? Yes__ No__
- h) Other or expanded principles: _____

Environment & Energy Issues:

- a) Do you support state funding for the development of renewable energy (e.g. solar, wind, thermal)? Yes__ No__
- b) Do you support state funding for the development of traditional domestic energy sources (e.g. coal, natural gas, oil)? Yes__ No__
- c) Do you support state funding for improvements to Oregon's energy infrastructure? Yes__ No__
- d) Do you support state funding for open space preservation? Yes__ No__
- e) Do you support government regulations of greenhouse gas emissions? Yes__ No__
- f) Do you support increased regulations of the hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") industry? Yes__ No__
- g) Other or expanded principles: _____

Gun Issues:

- a) Do you generally support gun-control legislation? Yes__ No__
- b) Should background checks be required on gun sales between private citizens at gun shows? Yes__ No__
- c) Should citizens be allowed to carry concealed guns? Yes__ No__
- d) Should a license be required for gun possession? Yes__ No__
- e) Other or expanded principles: _____

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Health Issues:

- a) Do you support a universally-accessible, publicly-administered health insurance option? Yes__ No__
- b) Do you support expanding access to health care through commercial health insurance reform? Yes__ No__
- c) Do you support interstate health insurance compacts? Yes__ No__
- d) Do you support Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act (“Obamacare”)? Yes__ No__
- f) Do you support requiring individuals to purchase health care insurance? Yes__ No__
- g) Do you support monetary limits on damages that can be collected in malpractice lawsuits? Yes__ No__
- h) Do you support allowing doctors to prescribe marijuana to their patients for medicinal purposes? Yes__ No__
- i) Other or expanded principles: _____

Social Issues:

- a) Do you support same-sex marriage? Yes__ No__
- b) Do you support the inclusion of sexual orientation in Oregon's anti-discrimination laws? Yes__ No__
- c) Do you support the inclusion of gender identity in Oregon's anti-discrimination laws? Yes__ No__
- d) Other or expanded principles: _____

Legislative Priorities: *In the following area, on an attached page, or via e-mail, please explain in a total of 100 words or less, your top two or three priorities if elected. If they require additional funding for implementation, please explain how you would obtain this funding.*