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Political Courage Test: 2020 Presidential Edition

Candidates are strongly encouraged to complete the Political Courage Test online at:
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Please indicate your positions on the following issues. 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). **Should you choose not to respond, Vote Smart may research your public record to determine your likely positions on these issues.**

The Political Courage Test must be signed and returned to our office by 11:59 pm CT the day of the deadline. We can be reached at 515-989-6359 or by email at **politicalcourage@votesmart.org**.

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: _____

State: _____ District: _____ Date: _____

Abortion:

Do you generally support pro-choice or pro-life legislation? Pro-choice ___ Pro-life ___
Other or expanded principles _____

Budget:

In order to balance the budget, do you support an income tax increase on any tax bracket? Yes ___ No ___

Do you support expanding federal funding to support entitlement programs such as Social Security and Medicare? Yes ___ No ___

Other or expanded principles _____

Campaign Finance:

Do you support the regulation of indirect campaign contributions from corporations and unions? Yes ___ No ___

Other or expanded principles _____

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Crime:

Do you support the protection of government officials, including law enforcement officers, from personal liability in civil lawsuits concerning alleged misconduct? Yes ____ No ____

Other or expanded principles _____

Defense:

Do you support increasing defense spending? Yes ____ No ____

Other or expanded principles _____

Economy:

Do you support federal spending as a means of promoting economic growth? Yes ____ No ____

Do you support lowering corporate taxes as a means of promoting economic growth? Yes ____ No ____

Do you support providing financial relief to businesses AND/OR corporations negatively impacted by the state of national emergency for COVID-19? Yes ____ No ____

Other or expanded principles _____

Education:

Do you support requiring states to adopt federal education standards? Yes ____ No ____

Other or expanded principles _____

Energy & Environment:

Do you support government funding for the development of renewable energy (for example: solar, wind, geo-thermal)? Yes ____ No ____

Do you support the federal regulation of greenhouse gas emissions? Yes ____ No ____

Other or expanded principles _____

Guns:

Do you generally support gun-control legislation? Yes ____ No ____

Other or expanded principles _____

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Health Care:

Do you support repealing the 2010 Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare")? Yes ____ No ____

Do you support requiring businesses to provide paid medical leave during public health crises, such as COVID-19? Yes ____ No ____

Other or expanded principles _____

Immigration:

Do you support the construction of a wall along the Mexican border? Yes ____ No ____

Do you support requiring immigrants who are unlawfully present to return to their country of origin before they are eligible for citizenship? Yes ____ No ____

Other or expanded principles _____

National Security:

Should the United States use military force to prevent governments hostile to the U.S. from possessing a weapon of mass destruction (for example: nuclear, biological, chemical)? Yes ____ No ____

Do you support reducing military intervention in Middle East conflicts? Yes ____ No ____

Other or expanded principles _____

Trade:

Do you generally support removing barriers to international trade (for example: tariffs, quotas, etc.)? Yes ____ No ____

Other or expanded principles _____

Administrative Priorities: 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.

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