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The Political Courage Test 2018 Colorado 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 if you submit answers to the questions asked below. 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 CST 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:

a) Do you generally support pro-choice or pro-life legislation? Pro-Choice Pro-Life
b) Should abortion be legal when the pregnancy resulted from incest or rape? Yes No
c) Do you support the prohibition of public funds for organizations that perform abortions? Yes No
d) Other or expanded principles: _____

Budget, Spending, & Tax Issues:

Budget Stabilization: Indicate which of the proposals you support (if any) for balancing Colorado's budget.

a) Reducing state employee salaries AND/OR pensions? Yes No
b) Instituting mandatory furloughs AND/OR layoffs for state employees? Yes No
c) Reducing benefits for Medicaid recipients? Yes No
d) An income tax increase on any tax bracket? Yes No
e) Other or expanded principles: _____

Campaign Finance & Government Reform Issues:

a) Do you support any limits on campaign contributions to state candidates? Yes No
b) Do you support the regulation of indirect campaign contributions from corporations and unions? Yes No
c) Do you support the use of an independent AND/OR bipartisan commission for redistricting? Yes No
d) Do you support requiring a government-issued photo identification in order to vote at the polls? Yes No
e) Other or expanded principles: _____

Crime & Public Safety Issues:

a) Do you support capital punishment for certain crimes? Yes No
b) Do you support the legalization of marijuana for recreational purposes? Yes No
c) Should a minor accused of a violent crime be prosecuted as an adult? Yes No
d) Do you support the enforcement of federal immigration laws by state and local police? Yes No
e) Other or expanded principles:

Economic Issues:

a) Do you support state government spending as a means of promoting economic growth? Yes No
b) Do you support lowering state taxes as a means of promoting economic growth? Yes No
c) Do you support reducing state government regulations on the private sector? Yes No
d) Do you support expanding access to unemployment benefits? Yes No
e) Do you support requiring welfare applicants to pass a drug test in order to receive benefits? Yes No
f) Do you support an increase of the minimum wage of Colorado? Yes No
g) Do you support increasing state funding for improving Colorado's roads and bridges? Yes No
h) Other or expanded principles:

Education Issues:

a) Do you support adopting federal education standards in Colorado? Yes No
b) Do you support state funding for charter schools? Yes No
c) Should immigrants unlawfully present in the United States who graduate from Colorado high schools be eligible for in-state tuition at public universities? Yes No
d) Do you support increasing funding for the state education budget? Yes No
e) 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 government regulation of greenhouse gas emissions? Yes No
c) Do you support increasing state funding for clean drinking water initiatives? Yes No
d) Do you support increased regulations on the hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") industry? Yes No
e) 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 teachers be allowed to bring guns into the classroom? Yes No
d) Should a license be required for gun ownership? Yes No
e) Other or expanded principles:

Health Issues:

a) Should the state government increase funding for treatment facilities to combat opioid abuse? Yes No
b) Do you support Medicaid expansion through Colorado's health care programs? Yes No
c) Do you support requiring individuals to purchase health care insurance? Yes No
d) Do you support legislation that grants citizens the right to choose to die through euthanasia? Yes No
e) Do you support eliminating religious exemptions for vaccinations? Yes No
f) Other or expanded principles:

Social Issues

a) Do you support the inclusion of sexual orientation in Colorado's anti-discrimination laws? Yes No
b) Do you support the inclusion of gender identity in Colorado's anti-discrimination laws? Yes No
c) Do you support greater efforts by Colorado state government in closing the pay gap between men and women? 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.*
